

Thomas Connolly

Holmes Chapel

Killed in Action 26th April 1917

Doiran Military Cemetery where Thomas Connolly is buried.



His Story

He was born in 1892 at Rocksavage, son of William and Mary Connolly.

At the 1901 Census the family were living at 16 Brook Street, Lostock Gralam, with Thomas aged 9 years.

At the 1911 Census the family were at the same address at Lostock with Thomas now aged 19, working as a waggoner on a farm.

His War Record

Thomas enlisted at Northwich into the 12th Battalion of the Cheshire Regiment with the number 13901.

He was killed in action in Serbia on the 26th April 1917 and is buried in Grave VI.J.14 in the Doiran Military Cemetery, Greece. Doiran Military Cemetery is situated in the north of Greece close to the Macedonia border and near the south-east shore of Lake Doiran.

The cemetery (originally known as Colonial Hill Cemetery No.2) was formed at the end of 1916 as a cemetery for the Doiran front. The graves are almost entirely those of officers and men of the 22nd and 26th Divisions and largely reflect the fighting of April and May 1917 (the attacks on the Petit-Couronne), and 18-19 September 1918 (the attacks on Pip Ridge and the Grand-Couronne). In October and November 1918, after the final advance, a few burials took place from the 25th Casualty Clearing Station.