

George Harrison

West Hope Cottages, Middlewich Rd, Holmes Chapel

Killed in Action 8th May 1915

The home of the Harrison family



His Story

George was born in Holmes Chapel in 1891, the son of Albert and Margaret Harrison, and was living in the same house ten years later.

By 1911 he had moved to 16 Park Road, Wilmslow, where he was a boarder aged 20 and working as a plate layer for the London and NW Railway.

Before the outbreak of war he had joined the forces and was serving in India. He appears to have returned home to join the war effort.

His War Record

In October 1914 he enlisted at Wakefield into the Kings Own Royal Light Infantry, 1st Battalion, Number 10524.

In August 1915 he was serving abroad and reported wounded but then reported missing. In May 1916 he was reported to have been killed in action and the date of death was later confirmed as 8 May 1915.

No known grave exists but he is commemorated on Panel 47, Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres.

The Menin Gate is one of four memorials to the missing in Belgian Flanders which cover the area known as the Ypres Salient. Broadly speaking, the Salient stretched from Langemarck in the north to the northern edge in Ploegsteert Wood in the south.

The Salient was formed during the First Battle of Ypres in October and November 1914. The Second Battle of Ypres began in April 1915 when the Germans released poison gas into the Allied lines north of Ypres. This was the first time gas had been used by either side and the violence of the attack forced an Allied withdrawal.