

Thomas Bolshaw Harrison

The Square, Holmes Chapel

Returned

The home of the Harrison Family at the end of Macclesfield Road.



His Story

Thomas, the son of William Allen and Kate Harrison, was born at Middlewich on the 12th March 1888 but is recorded as living in Church Hulme in 1891.

The family home by 1901 was in the Square in Holmes Chapel where his father Allen ran a saddler and boot dealership. Thomas became a butcher and was working as such until he joined up after the start of war.

After the war he returned to the area and eventually died in August 1962 in the Crewe area aged 74.

His War Record

He Joined the Denbighshire Hussars in January 1915 and we heard nothing further about him until the 1st October 1917 when he was in the Labour Corps.

Formed in January 1917, the Labour Corps grew to some 389,900 men (more than 10% of the total size of the Army) by the Armistice. Of this total, around 175,000 were working in the United Kingdom and the rest in the theatres of war. The Corps was manned by officers and other ranks who had been medically rated below the "A1" condition needed for front line service. Many were returned wounded. Labour Corps units were often deployed for work within range of the enemy guns, sometimes for lengthy periods.