

# George Henshaw

Macclesfield Road, Holmes Chapel

## Killed in Action 19<sup>th</sup> September 1918

The home of George Henshaw



### His Story

George Henshaw was 25 at the outbreak of the war.

He was born in June 1889 to Joseph and Phoebe Henshaw who lived at Green Bank Holmes Chapel.

By 1901 aged 14 he was a blacksmith living in the village but by 1911 he was a gardener living with his uncle William Hardy on Macclesfield Road.

### His War Record

He enlisted at Knutsford into the 12th Battalion Cheshire Regiment at the start of the war in 1914 when he would have been aged 25. His service number was 16474 and during his career was promoted to corporal. The Parish Magazine reported that he served for 3 years on the Salonika front in Serbia where he was killed in action on 19/9/1918.

His grave is at VI.E.5 Doiran Military Cemetery. 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). His death coincides with the latter event