

Eric Noppin

Holmes Chapel

Killed in Action 26th October 1917

Tyne Cot Memorial



His Story

Eric Noppen (spelt Noppin on war memorial) was born on 16th June 1895 to Hendrick and Louisa Noppen, of Wilmslow. Eric's father was a Dutch born shipping merchant.

In the 1901 census the family was still living at Moor Lane in Wilmslow and Eric was 6.

For several years before the war he lived and worked in Holmes Chapel and Cotton. He was a regular worshipper at the church and wrote several times to say how much he looked forward to returning to the church after the war.

His War Record

Eric joined the Army service Corps at Middlewich in July 1915. He subsequently transferred to the 2/4th Battalion Loyal North Lancashire Regiment as a private 28492.

He was killed in action on 26 October 1917 during the Third Battle of Ypres. An offensive was mounted by Commonwealth forces to divert German attention from a weakened French front further south. The initial attempt in June to dislodge the Germans from the Messines Ridge was a complete success, but the main assault north-eastward, which began at the end of July, quickly became a dogged struggle against determined opposition and the rapidly deteriorating weather. The campaign finally came to a close in November with the capture of Passchendaele.

Eric's body was never found but his name is recorded on panel 102-104 of the Tyne Cot Memorial - The Tyne Cot Memorial bears the names of almost 35,000 officers and men whose graves are not known.