

DEXTER POTTS

14232, Corporal, Dexter Potts, 1st Battalion, Cheshire Regiment.

Born in 1890 at Poynton, son of coal miner, Edwin and Hannah Potts, of Newtown, Poynton, later to live at 219 Park Lane, Poynton, Dexter was one of nine children. His siblings were Edith, Mildred, Emma, William, Mary, Edwin, Sidney and Arthur.

Dexter was working as a miner when he attested at Macclesfield, 02/09/1914, aged 23 years and 187 days. His army medical records show him to have been a man of five feet seven and a quarter inches tall, weighing 134lbs with a chest measurement of 35 inches. He had brown eyes, brown hair and his complexion was described as fresh, his religion was Church of England. Dexter embarked for



France with the British Expeditionary Force, 26/09/1915. Dexter was appointed Lance Corporal 09/04/1917.

By 1918, the Cheshire's were in the 5th Division, 15th Infantry Brigade, and the battalion war diary for September 1918 covers the action for the period 3rd and 4th; *The 15th Infantry Brigade again attacked at dawn with the 1st Bedford's on the right, 16th Warwick's on left, 1st Norfolk's and 1st Cheshire's in support. The village of BEUGNY was successfully captured and the enemy who had withdrawn most of his troops during the night was followed up as far as VELU WOOD. In the evening the Brigade withdrew to reserve billets near BIEFVILLERS.* Dexter died in action, 04/09/1918, aged 28 years.



Medals: 1914/15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal.

These medals were sent to his widowed mother who had now moved to 65 Carnley Street, West Melton, near Rotherham, Yorkshire.

Corporal, Dexter Potts has no known resting place and he is commemorated on the Vis-En-Artois Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

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