

# ERIK BOOTH

14341, Private, Erik Booth, 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Cheshire Regiment.

Born in 1893 at Cheadle, Cheshire, eldest son of Harry and Sarah Booth, who in 1901, were living at 283 Alldis Street, Heaviley, Stockport. Erik, whose name on the census and in his army records is spelt with a 'K', had two sisters, Nellie and Eva, who in 1911, were living at 37 Park Lane, Poynton, Cheshire. Prior to his enlisting into the army, Erik was employed as a joiner.

Erik attested at Stockport, 15/09/1914. His army medical records show him to be a man who was five feet six and three-quarter inches tall, weighing 130lbs with a chest measurement of 35 inches. He had blue eyes and light brown hair. His religion was Church of England. He spent some months training at Aldershot, being based in Ramillies Barracks. On the 25<sup>th</sup> September 1915, he embarked from Southampton for France. Three weeks

later, he suffered a gunshot wound to his side, 21/10/1916, and he was hospitalised. On recovery, he re-joined his Regiment at the front, 13/11/1916. Seven months later, the 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion were in action at the battle of Messines, 7<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> June 1917. The battle of Messines was a preliminary move in a plan to occupy the belt of high ground which runs from Armentieres to Dixmude, which overlooks the Ypres Salient. It was during this battle that Erik received his fatal wounds, 09/06/1917. He was aged 24 years.

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

Private, Erik Booth is buried at Bailleul Communal Cemetery, Nord, France. C.W.G.C. Ref: - III.C.171.

