

# FRANK BRYNING

49454, Private, Frank Bryning, 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Cheshire Regiment, former number 4416.

Born in 1897 at Poynton, son of district council roadman, John and Harriet Bryning, of the Village, Poynton, Stockport. He was one of thirteen children. His siblings were Ernest, Lily, Jessie, Minnie, Eva, Sarah, Lillian, John, Stanley, Fred, Leonard and Ada. Prior to his enlistment into the army, Frank was second stableman to Mr Hodgkinson at Poynton Towers. Frank attested at Stockport, 09/12/1915, and was mobilised 28/03/1916. His army medical records show he was five feet eight and a quarter inches tall, weighing 142lbs and had a chest measurement of 35 inches. He embarked for France on 7/09/1916, and disembarked at Rouen the following day. Frank survived for just less than five weeks. He was killed in



action, 09/10/1916, aged just 19 years, fighting at the Ancre Heights, a battle that lasted from 1<sup>st</sup> October until the 11<sup>th</sup> November. The capture of this ridge would give the Battalion complete observation over the Ancre Valley and Grandcourt.

## **Medals: British War Medal and Victory Medal.**

Private, Frank Bryning has no known resting place and he is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme. France. C.W.G.C. Ref: - Pier and Face 3C and 4A.

