

## **GEORGE PLATT**

175847, Sapper, George Platt, 254<sup>th</sup>
Tunnelling Company, Royal Engineers.
Born in 1896 at Poynton, son of single mother, Alice Platt, 39 Cow Hey Lane, Poynton, Cheshire. Alice married John M. Warburton in the second quarter of 1911, registered at Stockport. George worked for a while as a pony driver in the pit at Poynton Colliery. Later he was employed as a miner at Brinnington, Stockport. (On the 1911 census, his age is shown as 12 years, which raises the question did he enlist under aged)?

George attested at Stockport on the 4<sup>th</sup> August 1914. After his initial training he was drafted with the British Expeditionary Force to France, 23/08/1915. His experience of working underground would have had a great bearing on where he would be best utilised. George died in the 46<sup>th</sup> Casualty Clearing Station, Belgium, of wounds received, 19/06/1917. He was aged 21 years.



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

Sapper, George Platt is buried at Mendinghem Military Cemetery, West Vlaanderen, Belgium. C.W.G.C. Ref: - II. D. 58.

