

# JOHN HENRY WOOD

18483, Corporal, John Wood, 12<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Cheshire Regiment.

Born in 1896 at Woodford, eldest son of railway signalman Henry Cooke and Sarah Ann Wood, who in 1901, were living at Station Houses, Goostrey, Cheshire. Their address on the 1911 census was Hand Cottages, Woodford, Stockport, and John was shown to have been a butcher's assistant. However when John enlisted into the army he was in the employ of Mr R. Jackson of Butley, as an engine driver. His siblings were Arthur, Sarah Elizabeth, Fred, Frank and Ernest.

John enlisted in November 1914, at Stockport. He was part of the six hundred men from the Stockport area that were to make up the 12<sup>th</sup> Battalion, part of the New Army raised at Chester. He started his basic training at Eastbourne, then onto Maidstone. On completion of his training he was drafted

with the British Expeditionary Force to France, 06/09/1915. The Battalion, as part of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Division, embarked from Folkestone and they arrived the following day at Boulogne. The Battalion's stay in France was short-lived and they were transferred to the Balkans theatre of war. John was accidentally killed in Serbia, 25/05/1917. He was aged 21 years.



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

These medals were sent to his parent's new address, which was Lower Swine's Eye, Woodford, Cheshire.

Corporal, John Henry Wood is buried in the Karasouli Military Cemetery, Greece. C.W.G.C. Ref: - E.1076.

