



# JOHN WILLIAM HAIGH

41245, Private, John William Haigh, 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Cheshire Regiment.

Born in 1887 at Stockport, son of carpenter and joiner, John and Dorothy Haigh, of Birch Cottage, Poynton. The 1901 census shows there were five children, Isabella Mary, Agnes, John William, Sidney and Grace Dorothy.

John enlisted at Seaforth, Lancashire, and fought in France. He died, 02/03/1917, aged 29 years.

The 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion was a Labour Battalion, whose work consisted of making roads, laying sleeper tracks, digging trenches, barb wiring, fixing machine-gun posts and building bridges. They were always likely to fall victim to shelling.

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

Private, John William Haigh is buried at Gezaincourt Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France. C.W.G.C. Ref: - II. G. 4.

