

JOSEPH ARMITAGE

146183, Sapper, Joseph Armitage, 95th Field Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in 1892 at Poynton, son of gamekeeper William and Sarah Ann Armitage, living at Coppice Wood, Poynton, in 1901. Joseph had an elder brother, William, and two sisters, Lizzie and Florence. Their address in 1911, was given as The Coppice, Poynton, Cheshire. Prior to his enlistment, Joseph was employed as a joiner for Messrs Clayton's, Contractors and Builders, Poynton.

Joseph attested at Stockport, 11/12/1915. His army medical records show him to have been a man of five feet nine inches tall, weighing 145lbs with a chest measurement of 37 inches. He was mobilised, 07/02/1916, going to Chatham for his initial basic training. He was graded as a skilled joiner. On completion of his training, Joseph embarked with the British Expeditionary Force to France, 25/07/1916. He died of wounds to the head, buttocks, and abdomen received from a shell, 01/10/1917. He was aged 24 years.



Medals: British War Medal and Victory Medal.

These medals were sent to his parents at The Coppice, Poynton, Cheshire.

Sapper, Joseph Armitage is buried at Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, West Vlaanderen, Belgium. Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

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