

## THOMAS HENSHALL

52592, Private, Thomas Henshall, 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Cheshire Regiment.

Born in 1893 at Poynton, son of coal hewer Thomas and Maria Henshall of Haig Lane, Poynton. Thomas's siblings were Florence, John, Ethel, Thomas, Samuel and Alice. In 1911, young Thomas was living with his Uncle, Samuel Henshall, at Bulkeley Road, Poynton. He was working as a jigger underground haulier in a colliery.

Thomas enlisted at Stockport, and after his initial training period he was drafted to the Western Front, his theatre of war was the Ypres Salient. In the August of 1917, the 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion were in the 25<sup>th</sup> Division, 75<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade and were involved with the battle at West Hoek. Thomas was killed in action, 13/08/1917. He was aged 24 years.

Medals: British War Medal and Victory Medal.

Private, Thomas Henshall has no known resting place and he is commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres, West Vlaanderen, Belgium.

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