



WILLIAM HARTLEY

227792, Private, William Hartley, 1st Battalion, Monmouthshire Regiment, Territorial Force, former number 15059. Born in 1891 at Poynton, son of wheelwright, Alfred and Margaret Mary Hartley, who lived at Brook Terrace in 1901, and by 1911 had moved to 258 Park Green, Poynton. William was a regular attender at St George's Church. He was a member of the Poynton Rifle Club, and an excellent shot. Prior to his enlistment, William was employed as a clerk at Lord Vernon's estate office. His siblings were Herbert, Lily and Stanley.

He enlisted at Chester. On completion of his training, William was drafted with the British Expeditionary Force to France. The Monmouthshire were a Pioneer unit in the 46th Division, positioned at ARRAS in early 1917. The battalion war diary for 24th

February 1917, details their work as; *constructing dug-outs in Railway embankment at ACHICOURT, one other rank seriously wounded by machine gun bullet.* William was badly wounded in the head. He died in hospital, at 11.15 a.m. on 26/02/1917. He was aged 26 years.



Medals: British War Medal and Victory Medal.

Private, William Hartley is buried at Avesnes-Le-Comte, Communal Cemetery Extension, Pas de Calais, France. C.W.G.C. Ref: - IV. B. 20.

