



WILLIAM TURNER

14488, Private, William Turner, 10th Battalion, Cheshire Regiment.

Born in 1882 at Poynton, son of coal miner John and Hannah Turner, of 299 Sandon Road, Alms Houses, Poynton. William's siblings were James and Sarah Ann. On 15th October 1904, William married Edith Bates at St George's Church, Poynton. The 1911 census shows William and Edith living with his sister, Sarah Ann Turner at 114 Green Terrace, Park Lane. With them were their three children, Alice (b.08/04/1905), Frederick (b.11/10/1907) Mary (b.18/10/1910). William was working as a painter.

He attested, 04/09/1914, at Stockport, aged 33 years. His Army medical papers show him to have been five feet five and three quarter inches tall, weighing 112lbs and had a thirty one inch

chest measurement, he had hazel coloured eyes, brown hair and his complexion was described as fresh. His religion was Church of England and he joined the Regiment at Congleton. After his basic training William was drafted to France embarking from Folkestone, 26/09/1915. He had been in France just short of four weeks when he suffered a bullet wound 21/10/1915 to his neck. The Cheshire's were in the 25th Division 7th Infantry Brigade, and in May 1916, were in trenches at Mont St. Eloi, when William went missing.

William died of wounds received in action, whilst in Feldlaz 10, a German Prisoner of war camp, 24/05/1916, aged 33 years, whilst a prisoner of war in Switzerland. His Battalion had reported him missing, 21/05/1916.



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

His widow received a pension of 23/- per week for herself and three children. She was living at 114 Park Lane, Poynton, Cheshire.

Private, William Turner is buried at Cabaret-Rouge British Cemetery, Souchez, Pas de Calais, France. C.W.G.C. Ref: - XVI. D. 14.

