



# WRIGHT RIDGWAY

268184, Private, Wright Ridgway, 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Cheshire Regiment, former numbers 15383 and 45506.

Born in 1891 at Poynton, son of coal carter, Wright and Lois Ridgway, of 172 Church Lane, Poynton. Wright's siblings were George, Sarah, Elizabeth, Frances Emily, Arthur, Dora, and Mary Alice. He was shown to have had a sister Lois, who appeared on the 1901 census but not on the 1911

returns. By then the family were resident at 23 Bulkeley Road, Poynton, and mother Lois was a widow. Wright was employed in the forest as a wood cutter. He enlisted at Stockport, his theatre of war was the Ypres Salient, the 10<sup>th</sup> Cheshire's were in the 25<sup>th</sup> Division, 7 Infantry Brigade and the battalion war diary for April 1918 records the following; *MONT NOIR, 16/04/1918, 1.30 am, composite battalion marched to LEVRENTE. 7.00 pm, orders were received and the composite battalion moved into support line at WOLFHOEK. This line was held in conjunction with the 2<sup>nd</sup> French Cavalry (dismounted). 17/04/1918, during the day this position was heavily shelled by guns of all calibre, and also heavily bombarded with gas shells. Wright was killed in action, 16/04/1918, aged 26 years.*

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

Private, Wright Ridgway has no known resting place and he is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, West Vlaanderen, Belgium. C.W.G.C. Ref: - Panels 61 to 63.

