

In Memory of

Private

T Barton

1701, 5th Bn., Cheshire Regiment who died on 03 March 1915

Remembered with Honour

Wulverghem-Lindenhoek Road Military Cemetery



**Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission**

Private Thomas Barton

5th Battalion "A" Company, Cheshire Regiment

Died: 3rd March 1915 Age: 19

How Died: Died of Wounds

Country of burial: Belgium

Cemetery or Memorial: Wulverghem-Lindhoek Road Cemetery, Heuvelland,
West - Vlaanderen

Town Memorial: Altrincham

Extra Information:

Born in the last quarter of 1895 in the Ormskirk, Lancashire, the son of Thomas and Margaret Ellen Barton (nee McCormick).

1901 Census - Lived at 130 High Park Road, Southport, Lancashire. Son - aged: 5 born: Southport. Head of household - Thomas Barton -aged: 35 working as a Labourer at Electric Works also born in Southport - married to Margaret Ellen Barton aged 34 and working as a Charwoman also born in Southport together with two brothers.

1911 Census - Lived at 20 Dale Square, Broadheath. Son - aged: 15 - born: Southport, Lancashire. Head of household - Thomas Barton - Married -aged: 42 - occ: Labourer at Linotype Printing Machine Works - born: Southport. Also - Margaret E. Barton - Wife - aged: 42 - born: Southport. Thomas & Margaret had produced 9 children, 7 of whom had died. Plus 1 younger brother.

Employed by the Castleton Steam Packing Co, Broadheath.

Joined the Territorials in 1912. Travelled by train from Cambridge down to Southampton on 14/02/1915 and embarked on the S.S. Oxamian, landing at Havre the next day. Travelled to Bailleul on the 17th and on the 19th joined the 5th Division, 14 Brigade. at Neuve Eglise, where they began instruction in forward trenches near Messines, where Thomas was killed.

MIC - states that he was awarded the 1915 Star, plus the BWM & VM. He was drafted to France on the 15th February 1915 and lasted just over two weeks before he was killed. Whilst in the front trenches, he was struck by a piece of shell shrapnel. Death was reported in the 19th March 1915 edition of the Altrincham Guardian.

The third man from the 1/5th Battalion Cheshire Regiment to be killed at the front and the first in 1915.

Commemorated on the private family gravestone in Hale Cemetery which states that he was Killed in Action. His father, Thomas died in 1919 and his mother, Margaret died in 1946.

Listed in the Guardian Year Book - Roll of Honour for 1916, which states that he lived at Dale Street, Altrincham.

Memorials found on:

St. Alban's Church Broadheath

Altrincham & District Roll of Honour

Broadheath Congregational Church

Altrincham & District Roll of Honour



Thomas' Grave in Wulverghem-Lindhoek Road Cemetery