

WILLIAM T HEWSON



William Thomas Hewson was born in 1885 in Partney. His father John was a blacksmith. He was baptised in St Nicholas Church on 24th October 1885.

At the age of 15 William was living in Partney and working as an ironmonger's apprentice. By 1911 he was living in lodgings at 28 Linden Walk, Louth and was working as an ironmonger's assistant. He married Kathleen Naylor in 1912.

At the age of 31 years and 41 days, he was enlisted into the 3rd Reserve Cavalry Regiment on 2nd April 1917. William stood 5'5³/₄" tall with a 36" chest. He was working as an ironmonger living at Rose Cottage, Scremby Road, Partney.

The 3rd Reserve Cavalry Regiment was formed in Aldershot from the 11th, 13th, 15th and 19th Kings Hussars, the Buckinghamshire Yeomanry, the Leicestershire Yeomanry, the Staffordshire Yeomanry, the Wiltshire Yeomanry and the Sherwood Rangers.

William was originally assigned to the 15th Kings Hussars and then transferred to the Royal Fusiliers on 1st September 1917 before a final transfer to 477 Company of the Labour Corps on 12th December 1917.

This Company was an Agricultural Company and had its HQ at Lincoln so he is likely to have been employed on a farm in the area. Men who were transferred to Agricultural Companies were usually those of the lowest medical category although they did include men with agricultural experience.

William was discharged on 15th June 1919 and granted a weekly pension of 5s 6d as he was suffering a 20% disability due to rheumatism. He received an additional 1s 4d each week for his child.

He lived at what is now Brookside in Dalby Road, Partney.