



JOHN HENRY ALLEN
1896 - 1916

Service No.2780

John Henry Allen was born in 1896 in Chesterton to John and Caroline Allen. In 1901 the family were living at High Cogges where his father was working as a shepherd. By 1911 he had moved with his parents and younger sisters Daisy Caroline and Lucy Coleman and the family were living in Allotment Cottages, Somerton where he and his father were working as farm labourers.

He joined the 3rd Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars (Oxfordshire Yeomanry) C Squadron, in June 1915 at Oxford and went with the Expeditionary Force to France on Dec 14th that year. He reported sick in April and came home on May 19th 1916, when he was admitted to the Royal Hospital Chelsea with suspected tuberculosis. His notes say that his condition was not as the result of, but aggravated by his war service.

He was discharged at Warwick on July 23rd 1916 having served 1 year 47 days, "being no longer physically fit for war service".

He died on Dec 18th 1916 aged 20, and was buried at Somerton five days later.

On his pension papers his father John's address is New Buildings, Somerton Banbury Oxon.

His burial on the 23 December 1916 is recorded in the records of this church. His name appears on the Somerton Roll of Honour.