



## **FARNDON DURING THE FIRST WORLD WAR**

*Remembering the Men of Farndon and Coddington*

### **THE WEAVER BROTHERS**

**Private 8106 THOMAS WEAVER**  
 2nd Battalion Cheshire Regiment  
 Died 17 February 1915 Aged 28

**Private W/1061 JAMES WEAVER**  
 13th Battalion Cheshire Regiment  
 Died 15 May 1916 Aged 21

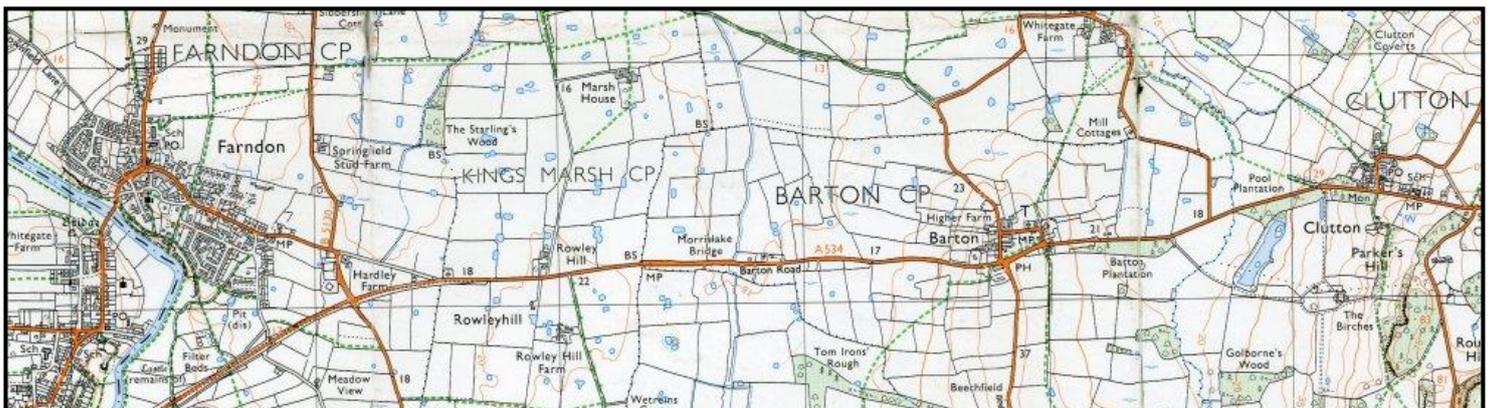
**Private 26911 FRANK WEAVER**  
 King's Shropshire Light Infantry  
 Survived the war

*plus a cousin*

**Private 210264 ALFRED WEAVER**  
 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Cheshire Yeomanry  
 Survived the war

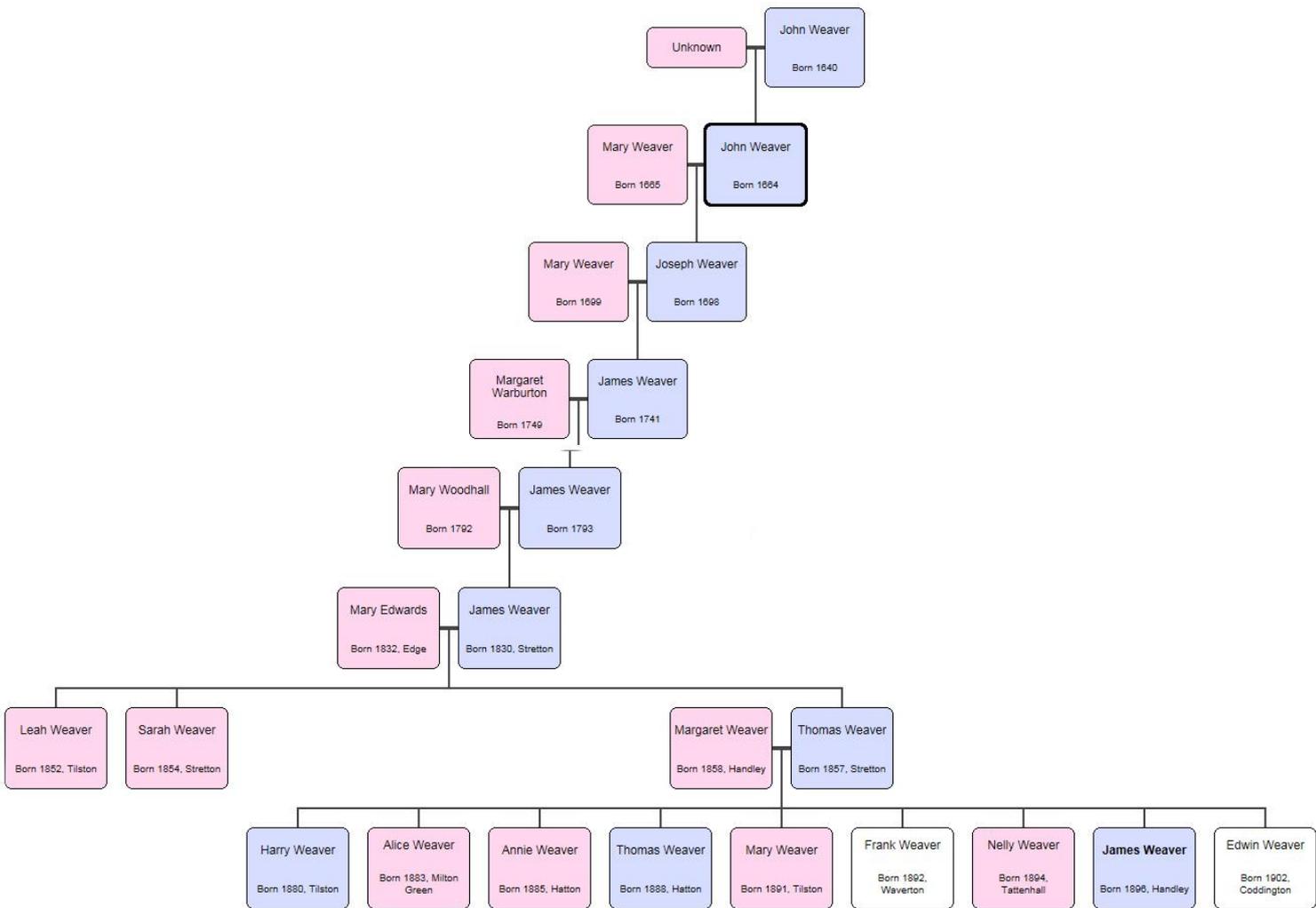
The Weaver family lived in Barton Wells in the hamlet of Barton, a mile or so east of Farndon village. Situated on the sharp rise near the Cock o' Barton Inn, the family had previously moved from local hamlet to hamlet for a number of years, as father Thomas followed the agricultural labouring work from 1902. One view of the brief family tree reveals their movements when looking at the birth places of the children. In fact, the Weavers were part of a larger extended family which have a direct lineage in Barton going back at least to their common ancestor, John Weaver, in the mid 1600s.

*Below: Modern map of the Farndon-Barton area (modern O.S.).  
 Barton Wells faces the Barton Plantation (near the number 21)*



Regarding Thomas' wife Margaret, she must have had a torrid time, been pregnant and giving birth almost continuously from 1880 to 1902, during which time she gave birth to fourteen children. Several were lost in infancy or early childhood, as by 1906 only Thomas, Frank, Mary, James, Alice, and Edwin had survived.

**Local landmark - Cock o' Barton Inn**



**Extract from a more extensive Weaver tree**



Barton – OS Map survey 1895

### Private 8106 THOMAS WEAVER

At the age of eighteen, after a few teenage years as a farm labourer, Tom junior decided on a life in the army. He headed up to Chester and signed on for nine years for the Cheshire Regiment on 11 January 1906. After a period of training in the depot at Chester, followed by Litchfield, then Fleetwood, he joined the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion on 20 April 1906. He was transferred to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion on 7 January 1908 and was posted abroad the following day, serving with the Cheshires in India for the next seven years. Tom arrived in Wellington in South India on 19 March 1908, joining up with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion who had been there since 1904 after their tour of duty in South Africa in the Boer War.

It didn't take young Tom long to breach army regulations when he was given 28 days detention in the barracks for '*neglect to the prejudice of good order of military discipline*' on 29 July 1908. This was a catch-all offence to criminalise misconduct that was not specified elsewhere in the King's regulations.

On 4 November 1908, the battalion were on the move again, posted to Secunderabad, in Hyderabad Province, before moves to Schwebo in Burma, then back to Jubbulpore in India in 1911. However, from August to September 1910 he spent 42 days in hospital, after contracting gonorrhoea. He was infected again three years later in November 1913 and hospitalised in Jubbulpore for a further 30 days.

Such infections were a major problem for the British Army, especially during the First World War, when VD caused 416,891 hospital admissions among British and Dominion troops. This was roughly 5% of all the men who enlisted in Britain's armies during the war becoming infected. In 1918, there were 60,099 hospital admissions for VD in France and Flanders alone. By contrast, only 74,711 cases of 'Trench Foot' were treated by hospitals in France and Flanders *during the whole of the war* – and this total also includes those suffering from Frost Bite. Although Trench Foot has come to symbolise the squalor of the conflict in the popular imagination, a man was more than five times as likely to end up in hospital suffering from Syphilis or Gonorrhoea. Considering the desperate nature of

...in the Colours, and 9 years ... completes his 3 years' service with the Colours ... he will be sent home, with all convenient speed, for transfer to the Army Reserve.)

**ATTESTATION OF**  
 No. 8106 Name Thomas Weaver Corps Cheshire Regt  
 \*Regiment selected

\* Applies only to Cavalry of the Line.

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. What is your Name? .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 1. <u>Thomas Weaver</u>                                                                                       |
| 2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 2. In the Parish of <u>Jattenhall</u> in or near the Town of <u>Leighton</u> in the County of <u>Cheshire</u> |
| 3. Are you a British Subject? .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 3. <u>yes</u>                                                                                                 |
| 4. What is your Age? .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 4. <u>18</u> Months.                                                                                          |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 5. <u>labourer</u>                                                                                            |
| 6. Have you resided out of your Father's house for three years continuously in the same place, or occupied a house or land of the yearly value of £10 for one year, and paid rates for the same, and, in either case, if so, state where? .....                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 6. <u>no</u>                                                                                                  |
| You are hereby warned that if after enlistment it is found that you have given a wilfully false answer to any of the following seven questions, you will be liable to a punishment of two years' imprisonment with hard labour.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                               |
| 7. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? if so, where? to whom? for what period? and, when did, or will, the period expire? .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 7. <u>no</u>                                                                                                  |
| 8. Are you Married? .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 8. <u>no</u>                                                                                                  |
| 9. Have you ever been sentenced to Imprisonment by the Civil Power? .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 9. <u>no</u>                                                                                                  |
| 10. Do you now belong to the Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Imp. Yeomanry, the Royal Navy, the Volunteers, the Army Reserve, or the Naval Reserve Force? If so, to what Corps? .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 10. <u>no</u>                                                                                                 |
| *11. Have you ever served in the Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Imperial Yeomanry, or the Royal Navy? If so, state which, and cause of discharge .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 11. <u>no</u>                                                                                                 |
| 12. Have you truly stated the whole, if any, of your previous Service? .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 12. <u>yes</u>                                                                                                |
| 13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for the Military or Naval Forces of the Crown? If so, on what grounds? .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 13. <u>no</u>                                                                                                 |
| 14. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 14. <u>yes</u>                                                                                                |
| 15. For what Corps are you willing to be enlisted, or are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 15. <u>Cheshire Regiment</u>                                                                                  |
| †16. Do you understand that although every endeavour will be made to post you to the regiment which you have selected you will be liable, if necessity arises, to serve with any regiment of the Corps for which you enlist? .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 16. ....                                                                                                      |
| 17. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you? .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 17. <u>yes</u> Name <u>A Magee Corp</u> Corps <u>Depot Chesh Regt</u>                                         |
| ‡18. Do you understand that, notwithstanding you enlist for a dismounted Corps, you are liable to be trained and employed in such mounted duties as may be required of an Infantry Soldier, including the duties of Mounted Infantry? .....                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 18. <u>yes</u>                                                                                                |
| 19. Are you willing to serve upon the following conditions provided His Majesty should so long require your services?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 19. <u>yes</u>                                                                                                |
| (a) For the term of 12 years, for the first three years in Army Service and for the remaining nine years in the First Class of the Army Reserve. If at the termination of such period of Army Service, you are serving beyond the seas, you will be sent home, with all convenient speed, for transfer to the Army Reserve.                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                               |
| (b) If, at the expiration of the above-mentioned term of Army Service a state of War exists, then, if so directed by the Competent Military Authority, to serve in Army Service for a further period not exceeding 12 months.                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                               |
| (c) If, at the expiration of the above-mentioned term of Army Service, you are so required by a Proclamation from His Majesty in case of imminent national danger, or great emergency, then to serve in Army Service so as to complete your term of 12 years, and for a further period not exceeding 12 months.                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                               |
| (d) If the above-mentioned term of 12 years expires while you are on service with the Regular Forces—(i.) beyond the seas, or (ii.) while a state of war exists with a Foreign Power, or (iii.) while Soldiers in the Reserve are required by proclamation to continue in, or re-enter upon Army Service, and you, in accordance with such proclamation, have re-entered upon Army Service, then to serve for a further period not exceeding 12 months. |                                                                                                               |

I, Thomas Weaver do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements made.

Thomas Weaver SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT  
A Magee Corp Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, Thomas Weaver do make Oath, that I will be true and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King Edward the Seventh, His Heirs, and Successors, and that I will defend His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, in Person, Crown, and Dignity, against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, and of His Officers set over me. So help me God.

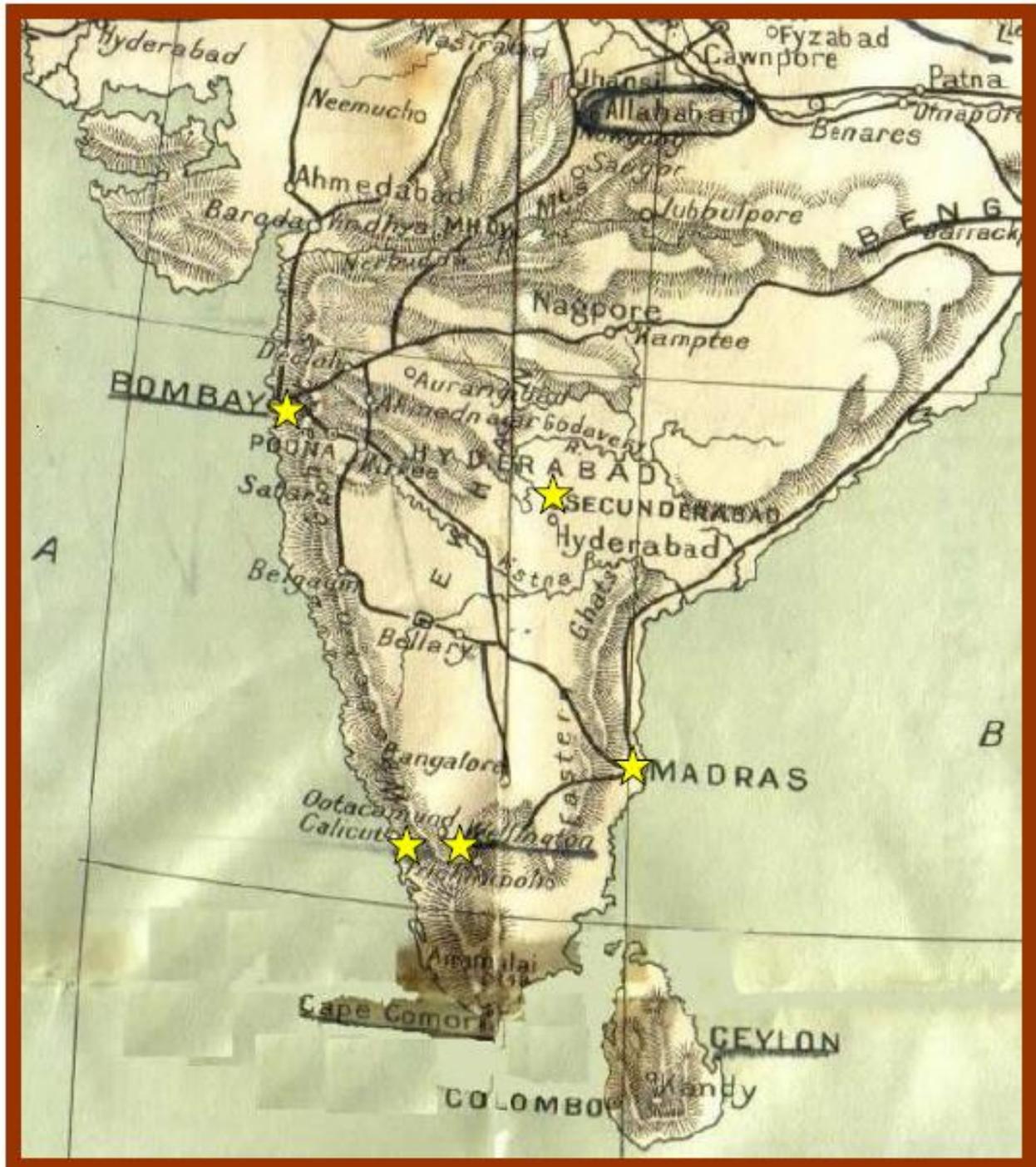
CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.

The Recruit above-named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.  
 The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence.  
 I have taken care that he understands each question, and that he has answered as replied to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the above answers.  
 At Leighton on this 11th day of 1885

If any alteration is required...

The Recruit is to be asked the particulars of his former Service, and to produce, if possible, his discharge and Certificate of Character, which should be returned to him conspicuously endorsed in red ink, as follows, viz.—(Name) on the (Date) re-enlisted in this (Regiment). It will also be erased in cases of recruits enlisting for other arms of the Service. \* Applies only to Cavalry of the Line. † Applies to dismounted Corps only. ‡ Applies to dismounted Corps only.

*Previous page: Attestation form – page one from Thomas Weaver’s war record (part of the ‘Burnt Records’ – note the singeing caused by damage to the records in the Second World War.*



**India during the time of Thomas Weaver’s posting**

recruitment drives, these figures reflecting the numbers of men lost to active service are astonishing – and kept young Tom Weaver in hospital for a total of seventy-two days. He was again lost to his battalion in November 1912 for a further ten days with a mild bout of Malaria.

When war broke out, the 2nd Battalion were still in Jubbulpore, but their term was ended on 18 November 1914 when they set sail for home, arriving in Devonport on Christmas Eve. After a short term of leave for the festivities, they joined 84<sup>th</sup> Brigade, 28<sup>th</sup> Division, at Winchester and proceeded to France, embarking at Southampton and landing at Le Havre on the 17 January 1915, although Tom

took a little longer, and was docked ten days pay for absenting himself and being late back to roll call on 13 January 1915. The 28th Division were concentrated in the area between Bailleul and Hazebrouck and began preparing for the defence of the northern sector of the Front in Belgium, which would become known as The Second Battle of Ypres.

Army Form B. 120.

**REGIMENTAL DEFAULTER SHEET.**

Number of sheets (in words) }  
Signature of C.O. or Adjutant } *W. M. ...*

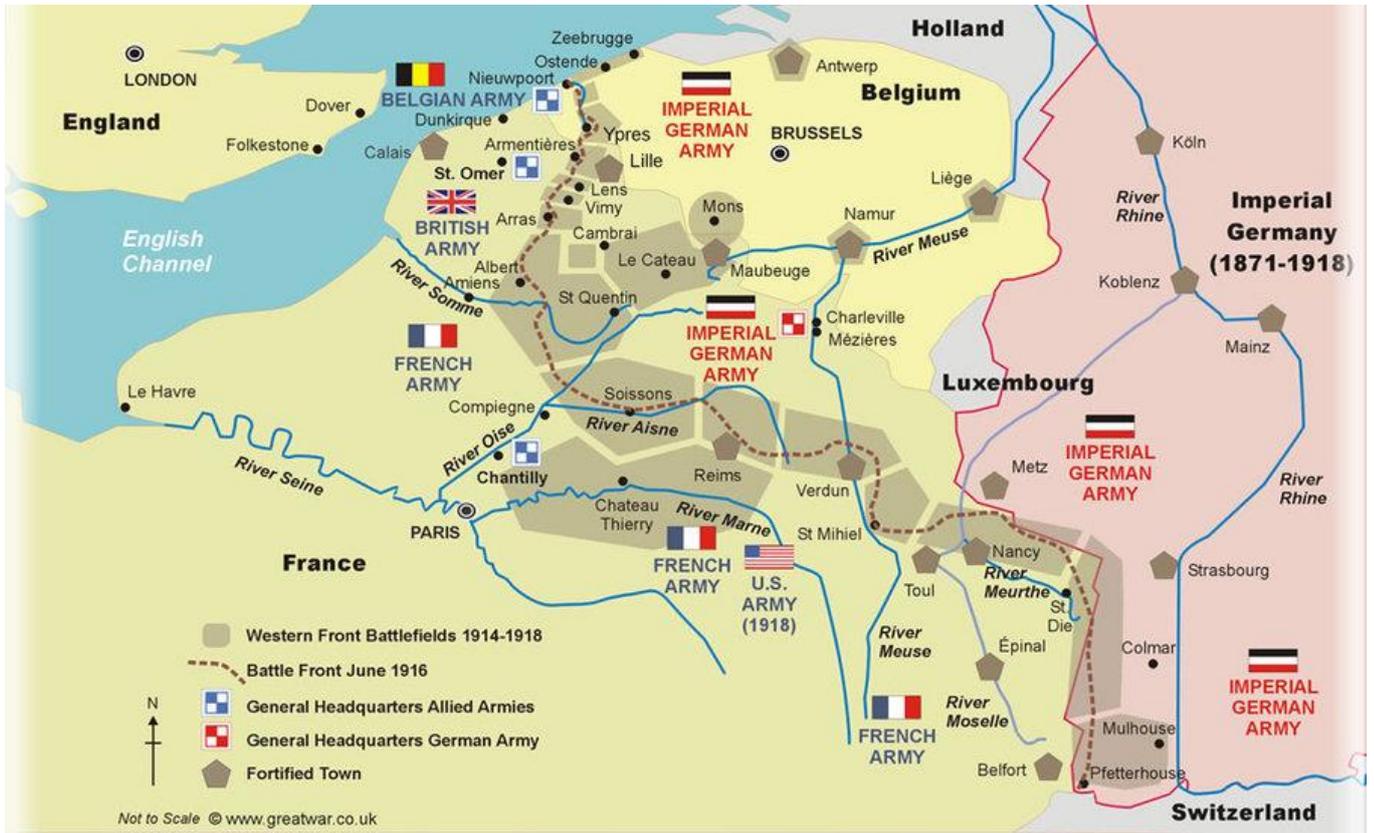
Number *8106 Thomas Weaver* Regiment of *Cheshire* Attested *11<sup>th</sup> January* 190*6*. Joined *13<sup>th</sup> January* 190*6*.

Date of Offence	Rank	OFFENCE	By whom reported and Names of Witnesses	PUNISHMENT awarded	Date of award, or of order dispensing with trial	By whom	Date of Commencement	Date of Expiration	REMARKS
<i>1908 July</i>	<i>Pte</i>	<i>Neglect to the possession of good order and Military discipline</i>	<i>Cheshire 20.11.06</i> <i>1st Lt. R. ...</i>	<i>28 day detention</i>	<i>1908 29 July</i>	<i>D. C. M.</i>	<i>1908 29 July</i>	<i>1908</i>	<i>Exp. ...</i>

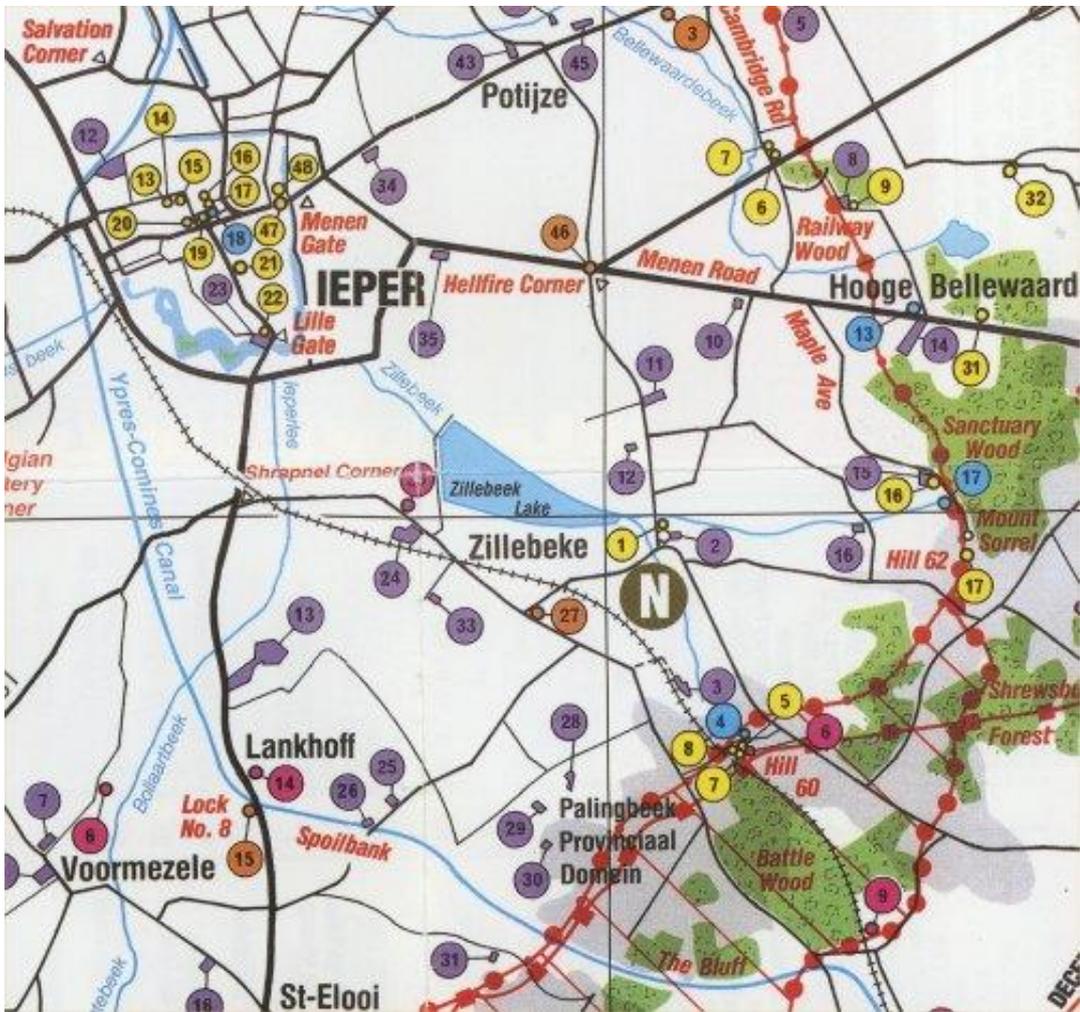
Regimental Defaulter Sheet from Thomas Weaver's war record, showing his recorded offence. A minor blemish across a nine year career, plus WWI service. He was frequently awarded bonus pay for good conduct.

By 5 February 1915, the 2nd Battalion was occupying positions at Blauwepoort Farm, facing the Ypres Salient, just south of the town centre of Ypres (now Ieper). On trench maps, the farm name was spelt as two words - Blauwe Poort - and at that time there was a small moat around three sides of the farm buildings. Nos. 3 and 4 Companies were ordered forward to support the 1st Battalion, Suffolk Regiment in the front line.

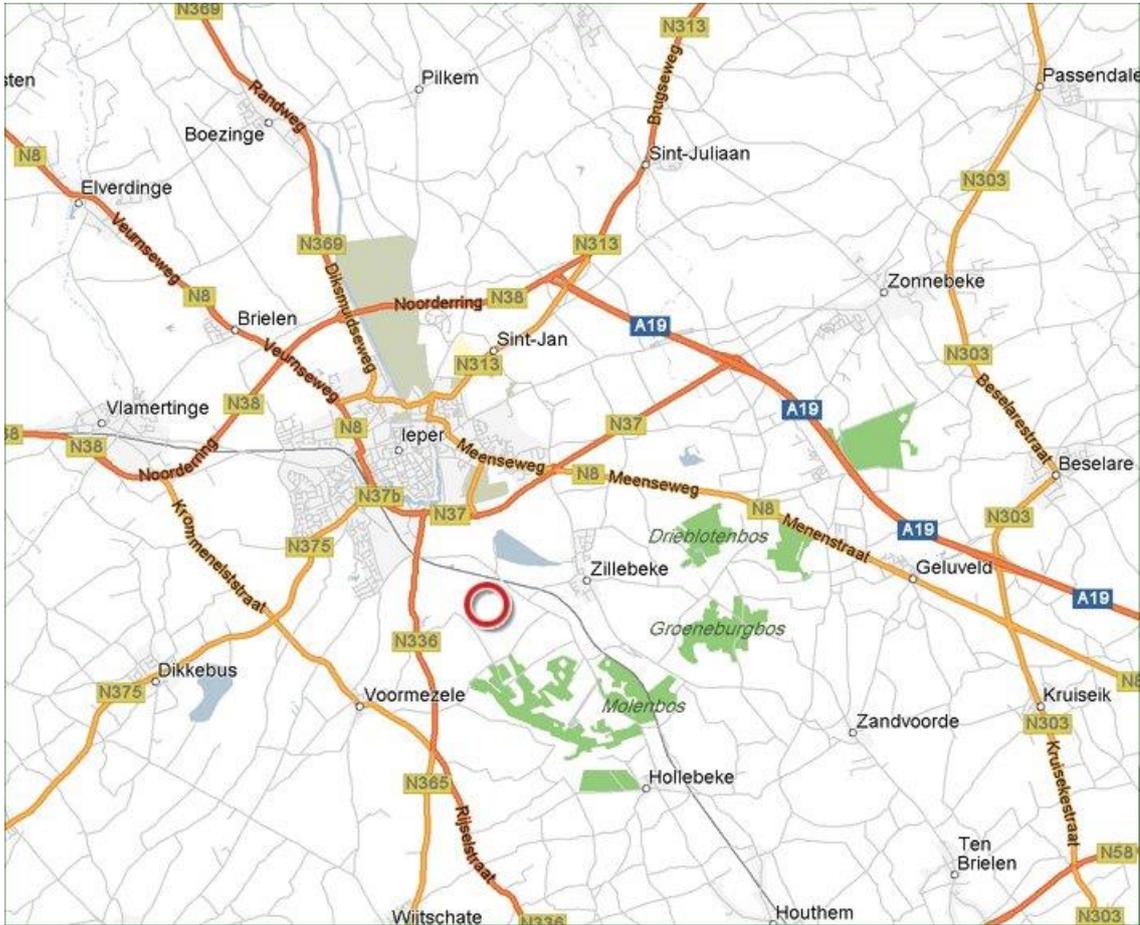
It was here that Tom lost his life, killed in action on 17 February aged twenty-eight, in unknown circumstances and in, according to his war record, 'a place not stated'. His body was never recovered. This, sadly, was far from uncommon in the battles that raged around the Ypres Salient, and his name was recorded on the Menin Gate in Ypres, in company with 55,000 others who were never found.



Blauwepoort Farm Cemetery, shortly after the war



*Blauwepoort Farm Cemetery now occupies the former position of the Farm and the Cheshire positions in February 1915 (no.33, centre)*





**The battlefield of the Ypres Salient towards Passchendaele**

Name	Rank	Regt. No.	
WEAVER.	<i>Ches: Pl.</i>	<i>Pl: 8106.</i>	
<i>Thomas</i>			
No. of	Roll	Page	Remarks
VICTORY	<i>J/2/101 B2.</i>	<i>436.</i>	<i>Win G. 17-2. 15.</i>
BRITISH	<i>-do-</i>	<i>-do-</i>	
15. STAR	<i>J/2/181. 127</i>		
Theatre of War first served in	<i>(1) France.</i>		
Date of entry therein	<i>16. 1. 15.</i>		

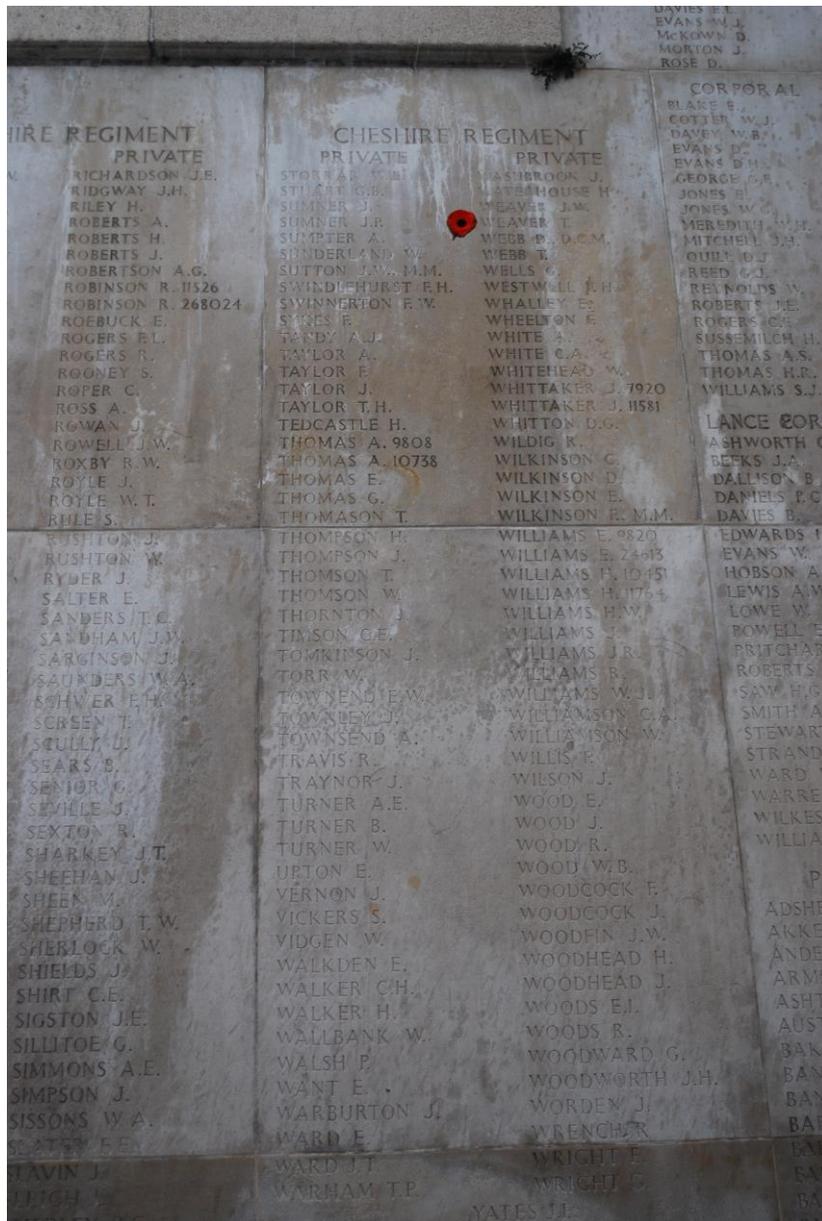
**Thomas Weaver's medal card.  
The medals awarded to him;  
The 1915 Star, The British  
Medal, The Victory Medal**





The Menin Gate





The Cheshire Regiment panel underneath the arch of the Menin Gate





*Each evening at 8pm a short memorial service is held. Both ends of the Gate are cordoned off, buglers from the local fire brigade assemble and sound the Last Post, and Binyon's verse is read out. Students from The Whitby High School, on a Battlefield tour led by the author, read the exhortation and before laying the first wreath.*



In Memory of

Private

# Thomas Weaver

8106, 2nd Bn., Cheshire Regiment who died on 17 February 1915 Age 28

Son of Thomas and Marguerite Weaver, of Barton Wells, Malpas, Cheshire.

Remembered with Honour

Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial



Commemorated in perpetuity by  
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

# Private W/1061 JAMES WEAVER

## 13th Battalion Cheshire Regiment

James Weaver was born in 1896, while the family were living for a short time in Handley, a small hamlet to the east of Farndon. By his early teens he was labouring on a local farm, but when the war broke out it is likely that he was an early volunteer, as he was trained and in France serving in the 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion Cheshire Regiment by 25 September 1915.

CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.															
Before writing on this Schedule please read the Examples and the Instructions given on the other side of the paper, as well as the headings of the Columns. The entries should be written in Ink.														Number of Schedule (To be filled up by the Enumerator after collection.)	
The contents of the Schedule will be treated as confidential. Strict care will be taken that no information is disclosed with regard to individual persons. The returns are not to be used for proof of age, or in connection with Old Age Pensions, or for any other purpose than the preparation of Statistical Tables.															
NAME AND SURNAME	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family.	AGE (last Birthday) and SEX.		PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE.				PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Persons aged ten years and upwards.				BIRTHPLACE of every person.	NATIONALITY of every Person born in a Foreign Country.	INFIRMITY.	
		Males.	Females.	State, for each Married Woman entered on this Schedule, the number of—	Completed years the present marriage has lasted.	Children born alive to present Marriage. (If no children born alive write "None" in Column 7.)	Total Children Born Alive.	Children still Living.	Children who have Died.	Personal Occupation.	Industry or Service with which worker is connected.				Whether Employer, Worker, or Working on Own Account.
1	Thomas Weaver	Head	54	♂	Married	30	12	8	5	Farm Labourer	140	Worked	Tacton Malpas	Cheshire	
2	Margaret Weaver	Wife	53	♀	Married	30	13	8	5			Worked	Handley Cheshire	do	
3	Frank Weaver	Son	19	♂	Single					Iron D. smother	476	Worked	Tacton Malpas	Cheshire	
4	James Weaver	Son	15	♂	Single					General Labourer	140	do	Milton Green Cheshire	do	
5	Edwin Weaver	Son	9	♂						School		do	Widdowton Cheshire	do	
6	Doris Weaver	Niece	4	♀								do	Barton Malpas	do	
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(To be filled up by the Enumerator.)

I certify that—

(1) All the ages on this Schedule are entered in the proper sex column.

(2) I have counted the males and females in Columns 3 and 4 separately, and have compared their sum with the total number of persons.

(3) After making the necessary enquiries I have completed all entries on the Schedule which appeared to be defective, and have corrected such as appeared to be erroneous.

Initials of Enumerator: *J.E.*

Total.		
Males	Females	Persons
4	3	6

(To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the Head of Family or other person in occupation, or in charge, of this dwelling.)

Write below the Number of Rooms in this Dwelling (House, Tenement, or Apartment). (Count the kitchen as a room but do not count scullery, landing, lobby, closet, bathroom, nor warehouse, office, shop.)

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: *Thomas Weaver*

Postal Address: *Barton Malpas Cheshire*

The 13th Battalion was unofficially known as the Wirral Battalion, having been originally raised in the Wirral - many of the original men coming from the Port Sunlight Works of William Lever, where it was formed on 1 September 1914 by Gershom Stewart, MP. (The 'W' in James service number refers to the Wirral). The Battalion then moved to Chester before being attached to the 74th Brigade in 25th Division in October 1914. By December 1914 they were in billets in Bournemouth, then moved to Aldershot in May 1915 for further training. On 25 September 1915 they landed in France on their way to the front.

James died on 15 May 1916 aged twenty-one, and given the date of his death it is likely that he lost his life during the intensifying artillery fire precluding the May 1916 battle on Vimy Ridge to the north east of Arras, the first action involving the 13<sup>th</sup> battalion. He is buried in Ecoivres Military Cemetery, around 4 miles north west of Arras in France. The loss of James must have come as devastating news to the Weaver family, who had lost his older brother Thomas only a year earlier.

Today Ecoivres is a pretty hamlet nestling below the ruins of the nearby Abbey of Mont St Eloi, and it is difficult to imagine the horrors of the battles fought around this picturesque area.

This cemetery is really the extension of the communal cemetery, where the French army had buried over 1,000 men. The 46th (North Midland) Division took over the extension with this part of the line in March 1916, and their graves are in Rows A to F of Plot I. Successive divisions used the French

military tramway to bring their dead in from the front line trenches and, from the first row to the last, burials were made almost exactly in the order of date of death.

The attack of the 25th Division on Vimy Ridge in May 1916 is recalled in Plots I and II. The 47th (London) Division burials (July to October 1916) are in Plot III, Rows A to H, and Canadian graves are an overwhelming majority in the rest of the cemetery, Plots V and VI containing the graves of men killed in the capture of Vimy Ridge in April 1917. Ecoivres Military Cemetery contains 1,728 Commonwealth burials of the First World War. There are also 786 French and four German war graves. The cemetery was designed by Sir Reginald Blomfield.



Name	Corps	Rank	Regtl. No.
WEAVER.	Ches. R.	L/Spl.	10/1061.
James.			
Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
VICTORY	J/2/101	104	Kia. 15-5-16.
BRITISH	do	do	
15. STAR	J/2/101.	87.	
Theatre of War first served in	(1) France.		
Date of entry therein	25. 9. 15.		

A Cheshire Regiment dressing station in a old German gun pit, Vimy Ridge.

James Weaver's Medal Card



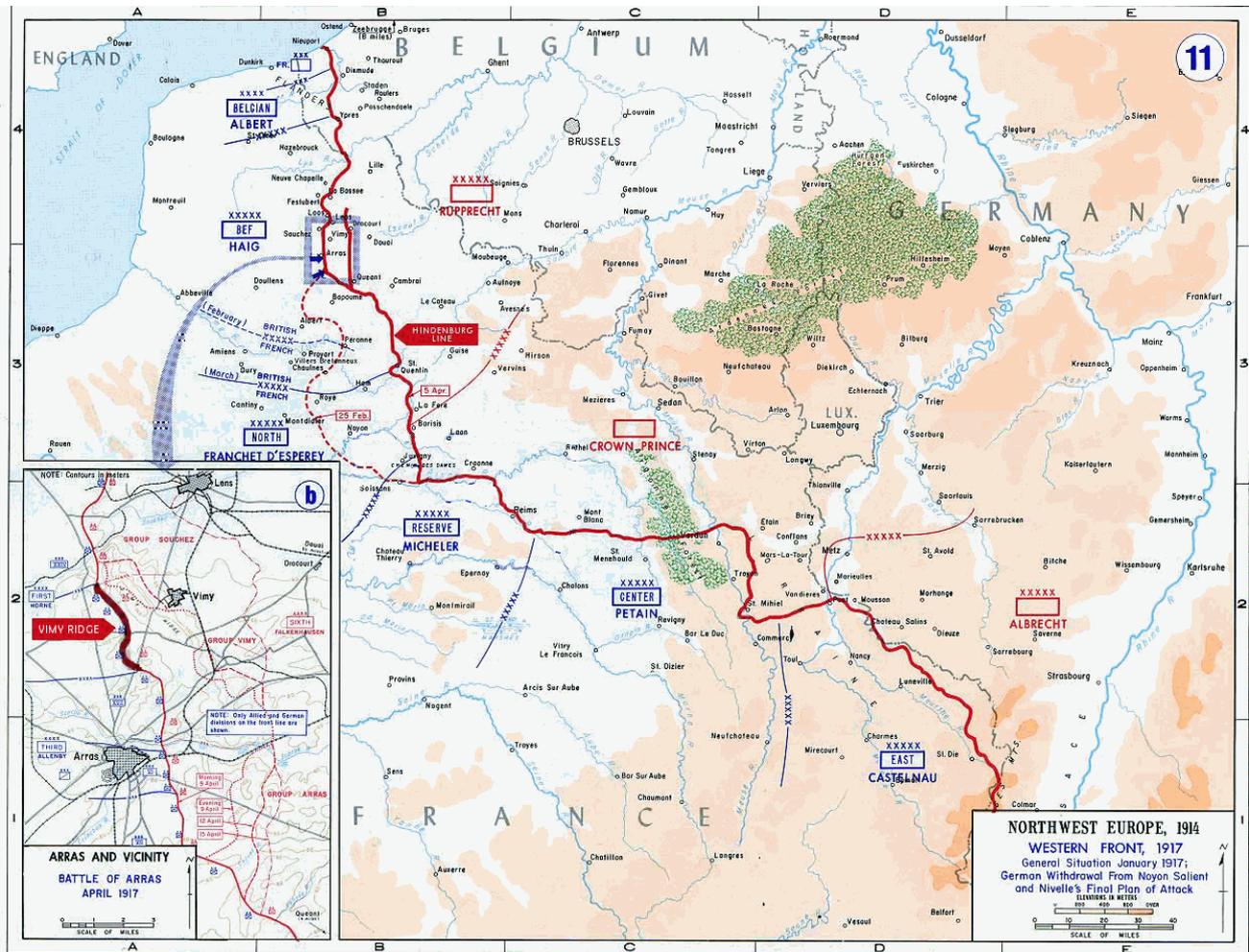
Commonwealth War Graves  
Map showing No.34 -  
Ecoivres Military Cemetery to  
the north west of Arras.  
  
Vimy is to the top of the map



Vimy Ridge after the  
opening of the  
memorial, surrounded  
by a crater peppered  
landscape



Vimy Ridge Memorial







**Ecoivres Military Cemetery, Mont St Eloi**





Ecoivres Military Cemetery, Mont St Eloi



Abbey of Mont St Eloi



In Memory of

Private

**J Weaver**

W/1061, 13th Bn., Cheshire Regiment who died on 15 May 1916 Age 21

Son of Thomas and Margaret Weaver, of Barton Wells, Malpas, Cheshire.

Remembered with Honour  
Ecoivres Military Cemetery, Mont-St. Eloi



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**Private 26911 FRANK WEAVER**  
**King's Shropshire Light Infantry / Army Service Corps**  
**Survived the war**

Frank Weaver was born in 1891 in Waverton, and baptised on 4 October 1891 in Tattenhall Church, while the family were living in Gatesheath, a hamlet just to the west of the church. By the time the family had returned to Barton, Frank, now a teenager, was working as groom on a local farm. His war record no longer survives, but the Absent Voter's List for the Parish of Barton (Farndon Voting District, Eddisbury Constituency) for 1918 shows two more Weavers – Frank and Alfred. It also records his number and regiment. It is likely that he enlisted following the conscription of early 1916, and he was posted to the King's Shropshire Light Infantry. The date he entered the theatre of war in France is unknown, as is the date he was transferred to the Army Service Corps. His new number, beginning T/4, gives an indication that he was serving in the Horse Transport section. T/4 was also used for men affected by the compulsory transfer in 1916 of men who were serving in ASC units of the Territorial Force on to regular army terms.

His further movements are unknown, but Frank was awarded the Victory and British service medals and survived the war, no doubt the great relief of his long suffering parents.

**Absent Voters' List—Eddisbury Division.**  
**Farndon Polling District H.**

1 No.	2 Names in Full (Surname first).	3 Qualifying Premises.	4 Description of Service, Ship, Regiment, Number, Rank, Rating, &c., or recorded address.	5 No
<b>Parish of Barton.</b>				
1027	Bellis John Thomas	Barton	76590 Pte. 3rd Cheshire	1027
1028	Blake Thomas Hudson	do.	33821 Pte. K.S.L.I.	1028
1029	Challinor Ellis	do.	34629 L-cpl. 1/1 Wor. Yeo.	1029
1030	Challinor Alfred	do.	219511 Pte. 1/1 Roy. War.	1030
1031	Challinor Frederick William	do.	160317 Dvr. 42 D.A.C. R.F.C.	1031
1032	France Thomas	do.	266484 Pr. 1/4 South Lancs.	1032
1033	Matthews Rowland	do.	137889 Gr. 2 D.A.C. R.F.A.	1033
1034	Matthews Sidney	do.	230739 Pte. 10th K.S.L.I.	1034
1035	Matthews Thomas	do.	172151 Pte. 2nd Sig. Coy. R.E.	1035
1036	Pugh Charles	do.	K.S.L.I.	1036
1037	Pugh George	do.	Training Reserve	1037
1038	Weaver Alfred	do.	210264 Pte. 2/4 Ches. Yeo.	1038
1039	Weaver Frank	do.	26911 Pte. K.S.L.I.	1039
1040	Wilbraham Herbert Creswell	do.	9th South Lancs.	1040
1041	Wilbraham William Joseph	do.	D/15773 Pte. C. of Lon. Yeo.	1041

*Handwritten notes in right margin:*  
 1027 B. E. F.  
 1028 Hoyalshley Troop. L. Troop.  
 1032 B. E. F.  
 1033 11th Batt B. E. F.  
 1034 B. E. F.  
 1035 2nd Signal Co R. E. B. E. F.  
 1038 H. D. L.  
 1041 Jo. W. G. L. 2-7-18.

**Below: The hamlets and farms to the north of Barton, including Gates Heath at the top right of the map. Surveyed 1895.**





**Above:** Army Service Corps Horse Transport section in France



**Left:** Army Service Corps postcard

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regtl. No.
WEAVER	K. I. L. 9 ASC	Pte	26911 1/437509
Frank			
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY	ASC/1018291	30335	
BRITISH	do	do	
STAR			
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			

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Above: Frank Weaver's Medal Card

Left: The British Medal and Victory Medal

## Private 210264 ALFRED WEAVER

2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Cheshire Yeomanry

*Survived the war*

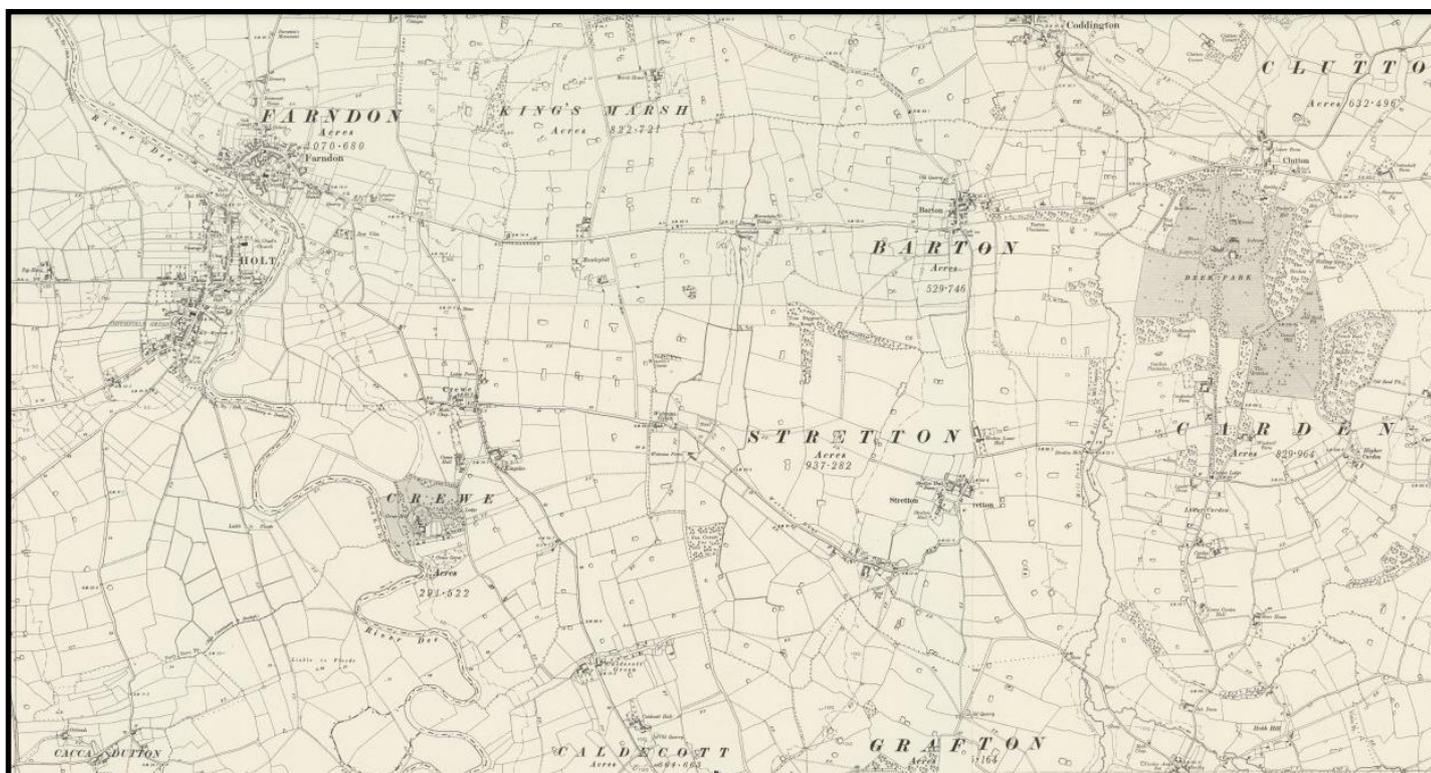
Alfred Weaver, the son of Samuel and Elizabeth Weaver, was born in Farndon in 1892, his direct ancestry going back to Weavers of nearby Tilston in the early nineteenth century, and although the link has not yet been made (despite an extensive Weaver tree having been researched) with the brothers above, it is highly likely he was a second or third cousin of James, Thomas and Frank.

Alfred's father, after years of manual graft working as a labourer building local roads, died in 1907. By 1911, with just his widowed mother and older brother James at home, he was the main breadwinner working as a cowman on a local Barton farm. James had suffered from a weak spine from birth, so Alfred, still a teenager, had quite a responsibility on his young shoulders.

His war record has not survived, but due to his family circumstances, it is likely that he did not volunteer and was conscripted after early 1916. There appears to be no record of a medal card either. Alfred may not have made it abroad before the end of the war.

Alfred returned home after the war, living in the area until his death in 1954.

Hamlets and farms surrounding Farndon and Barton. Surveyed 1895.



# CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

Before writing on this Schedule please read the Examples and the Instructions given on the other side of the paper, as well as the headings of the Columns. The entries should be written in Ink.

The contents of the Schedule will be treated as confidential. Strict care will be taken that no information is disclosed with regard to individual persons. The returns are not to be used for proof of age, as in connection with Old Age Pensions, or for any other purpose than the preparation of Statistical Tables.

Number of Schedules  
(To be filled up by the Enumerator after collection) 161

NAME AND SURNAME	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family	AGE (last Birthday) and SEX	PARTICULARS AS TO MARRIAGE			PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION of Persons aged ten years and upwards				BIRTHPLACE of every person	NATIONALITY of every Person born in a Foreign Country	INFIRMITY
			State for each Married Woman entered on this Schedule, the number of—	Children born alive to present Marriage. (If no children born alive write "None" in Column 7.)	Total Children born alive.	Children still living.	Children who have died.	Personal Occupation.	Industry or Service with which worker is connected.			
1 Elizabeth Weaver	Head	48	Widow	—	—	—	—	—	—	County of Chester, Parish, Farndon	—	—
2 James Weaver	Son	24	Single	—	—	—	—	—	—	at home, County of Chester, Parish, Farndon	—	—
3 Alfred Weaver	Son	19	Single	—	—	—	—	—	—	County of Chester, Parish, Farndon	—	—
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(To be filled up by the Enumerator.)

I certify that—			Total		
(1) All the ages on this Schedule are entered in the proper sex column.	(2) I have counted the males and females in Columns 2 and 4 separately, and have compared their sum with the total number of persons on the Schedule which appeared to be defective, and have corrected such as appeared to be erroneous.	(3) After making the necessary inquiries I have completed all entries on the Schedule which appeared to be defective, and have corrected such as appeared to be erroneous.	Males	Females	Persons
			2	1	3

Initials of Enumerator: *E.L.*

(To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the Head of Family or other person in occupation, or in charge, of this dwelling.)

Write below the Number of Rooms in this Dwelling (House, Tenement, or Apartment). Count the kitchen as a room but do not count scullery, landing, lobby, closet, bathroom; nor warehouse, office, shop.

3 rooms

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature *Elizabeth Weaver*  
Postal Address *Barton, Malpas, Cheshire.*

Administrative County		The undermentioned Houses are situate within the boundaries of the										Page 58			
Civil Parish of Barton		Ecclesiastical Parish of Farndon			County Borough, Municipal Borough, or Urban District of Farndon			Ward of Municipal Borough or of Urban District		Rural District of Yarven		Parliamentary Borough or Division of Salter'sbury		Town or Village or Hamlet of Barton	
No. of House	ROAD, STREET, &c. and No. or NAME of HOUSE	No. of Inhabited Houses	No. of Uninhabited Houses	Name and Surname of each Person	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family	Condition of Person	Age last Birthday of Person	PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION	Employer, Worker, or Own account	If Working at Home	WHERE BORN	(1) Deaf and Dumb (2) Blind (3) Lame (4) Imbecile, feeble-minded			
15	Barton	1	2	Samuel Weaver	Head	M	47	County Road Iron Works	Worker		Cheshire, Yelton				
				Elizabeth Weaver	Wife	W	42				do Cheshire				
				James Weaver	Son	S	16				do Farndon				
				Alfred Weaver	Son	S	9				do Farndon				
16		1	3	Mary Bellin	Head	W	75	Nurse, Homewife	Worker		Cheshire, Alderley				
17		1	5	Edward Bellin	Head	M	34	Genl appl. Labourer	Worker		Cheshire, Handley				
				Elizabeth Bellin	Wife	W	35				Denbigh, Llangwyllog				
				Edward Bellin	Son	S	12	at school			Cheshire, Yelton				
				Mary Bellin	Daughter	S	10	"			" "				
				Lazarus Bellin	Daughter	S	8	"			" Barton				
				Thomas Bellin	Son	S	6	"			" do				
				Herbert Bellin	Son	S	4	"			Cheshire, Barton				
18	Station Road	1	4	William & James	Head	M	34	Grocer	Worker		Shropshire, Ludlow				
				Elizabeth Jones	Wife	W	64	Housewife	Worker		" Winstanley				
End of Civil Parish of Barton and part of Ecclesiastical Parish of Farndon (part of)															
End of Ecclesiastical Parish of Farndon (part of)															
4	Total of Schedules of Houses and of Tenements with less than Five Rooms	4	1	Total of Males and of Females...											86

NOTE—Draw your pen through each word of the headings as are inapplicable.

Census 1901 and 1911

**Researched and written**

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