

Edwin Ashworth 1/6th Battalion Cheshire Regiment Service Number 267967 Died 18/11/18 aged 27 years One week after war ended Pont-Neuville Communal Cemetery

Private Edwin Ashworth son of Mrs Ashworth of 39 Lathom Street, Bury died from pneumonia following influenza at the No 10 18th. He enlisted two and a half years ago in the King's Dragoon Guards and was subsequently transferred to the 6th Cheshire Regiment and he had been in France about two years. He was home on leave recently, returning a month ago yesterday, and while at home he married Miss Mary Chadwick, The Carr, Birtle. He was a butcher by trade and at the time of enlisting was employed by the Heywood Cooperative Society. His name is on the roll of honour of Chesham Unitarian and Birtle Churches. In a letter received by his mother, Captain Wood writes to convey his profound respect and deepest sympathy with her and her son's newly-married wife and relatives, in their great loss and bereavement. The deceased had been his batman for 18 months and no officer at the front had a better comrade and companion. He had stuck to him in times of risk and illness, attended him when sick, accompanied him up the lines with supplies when shelling had been heavy, and almost shadowed his every movement. He was a clean, fearless soldier of genial temperament, and always willing and he was a faithful comrade and a worthy son of Lancashire Private Ashworth has two brothers serving, Lnc-Cpl Joseph Ashworth, MM, of the Manchester Regiment, now in hospital at Warrington and Pte Thos. Ashworth Lancashire Fusiliers in France and a brother-in-law Pte E Walsh, Liverpool Regiment.

Parents: William and Eliza

Wife: Mary, 1 Moulding Moss, Birtle