



Driver Cyril Chamberlain 185086



D Battery, 282nd Brigade, Royal Field Artillery

Killed in Action Friday 1st November 1918

Verchain British Cemetery, Verchain-Maugre, France

Row D Grave 20

Burbage War Memorial

Wesleyan War Memorial

Cyril James Chamberlain was baptised at the Wesleyan Chapel on 24th August 1892. He was the youngest of two children of John and Mary Elizabeth Chamberlain.

His childhood was spent living in Church Street and by 1911 the family had settled at 14 Strutt Road, Burbage.

Cyril was part of the large extended family of Chamberlains some of who were founder members of the Wesleyan Chapel on Windsor Street.

Cyril would have attended the Wesleyan Day School and followed the family into the Hosiery trade.

Conscription for single men age 18-40 started in January 1916. Cyril would have been eligible from this time. It is recorded he enlisted in Hinckley.

Serving as a driver with the Royal Field Artillery, Cyril would be responsible for moving the large guns around the battlefields. This was usually horse drawn, driving teams of six horses he would move the heavy guns often in difficult conditions and under fire.

It was probably on one of these manoeuvres that Cyril was killed.



Royal Artillery moving guns

His grave is one of 110 British at the small cemetery at Verchain-Maugre which was created to accommodate some of the 4th Division Royal Artillery. The fallen here were from the battles around Cambrai who died between the 24th October and 1st November 1918.



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