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Edwin John Hughes, a commissioned officer in the King’s (Liverpool) was killed in action October 1918. He was awarded the Military Medal and after his death the Military Cross for extreme gallantry. Edwin was due to take a post as headteacher at Shotton Council School once the war ended but this was not to be.

Frank Hudson, who was awarded the Military Medal, was discharged from the army after being shot in the neck. He later joined the family firm of Hudsons Hairdressers, in Watergate Street.

Thomas Charles Cooper, of the Royal Flying Corps who was awarded the Military Medal. He survived the war and became the manager of Lloyds Bank in Connahs Quay.

With thanks to Mike Priestley

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Dorothy Wheeler from 6 Abbey Square Chester and her wartime sweetheart Reggie Parker

Reggie survived the war but their romance did not last

Away from it all—a picnic at Heronbridge when Reggie was on leave.

Postcards and a Valentine sent by Reggie to Dorothy from France.

With thanks to Mrs Worthington

The Cheshirees are “holding their own.”
Frank Walker, from Railway Cottages, Hoole, served in the 5th Cheshires and kept a diary of his experiences during the war.

The last entry is 25 June 1916—he was on barbed wire duty—and he was reported missing a week later. He was declared dead in April 1917.

Lance Corporal James Campbell, from William Street in Newtown, left a widow and five children when he was killed in action in 1917 with the Cheshire Regiment at Cambrai.

“he was killed instantly, one of the most popular men in the company and his loss will be keenly felt. An excellent soldier who always had a cheery word for everyone.”

Harry Preston came back from the Front after being shot and gassed.

He worked at Chester Railway station after the war and never married.

With thanks to Doris Wilcocks Terry Kavanagh Clair Bedford

The Cheshires are “holding their own.”
George and Elizabeth Evans from 14 New Street with their children George, Bobby and Stanley. George was awarded the Military Medal—he was shot in the head three times but went back to fight at the Front.

Bobby Evans died soon after this photograph was taken—he caught pneumonia at the City Baths.

Harry Lloyd, from the 8th battalion, Cheshire Regiment was killed in action at Mesopotamia in April 1917.

Born in Broughton in 1890, Harry worked as a milk boy at Acres Farm in Upton and later worked at Chester station. In 1914 he was living at Raby Mere.

Staff Sergeant James Kelsall Penney, from Catheralls Buidings and his platoon.

He survived the war but was badly gassed when it blew back from his own line and was sent to the Military Hospital in Edinburgh.

With thanks to Brenda Southward Mike Penney
Private Fred Moore, Kings Own Shropshire and his Active Service Testament

William Hughes from the Cheshire Regiment and his wife Elizabeth.

A former employee at the Asylum, William was killed at the Somme in July 1916 whilst carrying supplies to the Front.

With thanks to Roger Moore

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A letter sent by Ernest Tinkler, to his mother in South View, enclosing two daisies that he picked from the trench parapet in May 1918.

Henry Frodsham, from the Cheshire Regiment, was one of five brothers who went to war—all survived.

Joseph Shepherd, from Nields Buildings had previously fought in the Boer War, but was transferred from the regular army to the Reserves in 1915 due to a heart defect.

Frederick Deakin Lindop, from Holly Bank, Queens Park, served with the 13th Bn Rifle Brigade.

He fought in the Somme—and survived the war.

With thanks to
M Jones
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John Lindop

The Cheshire are holding their own.”
Royal Artillery Gunner Reginald Peers died at a clearing station in 1917, from wounds received at Passchendaele.

He was 25, married with a small son and lived in Duke Street.

George Snell, from the Cheshire Brigade Royal Field Artillery.

He lived in Glynne Street Saltney.

With thanks to Nigel Meyrick
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Lance Corporal Arthur Smith from Back Thomas Street, was killed in October 1914 just two weeks after landing in France. He was aged just 23—the eldest of eight children.

William Maddock, from Ecclestone Avenue, was a Prisoner of War during 1916-1918.

John Wilding, a cab driver from Linenhall Street who joined the Cheshire Yeomanry, survived the war but his horse Bobby was blown up.

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The 25th Cheshires 4th Platoon before leaving for France. Only seven of them survived the Somme.

Lance Corp David Cross and a boy bugler at Eaton Field training camp 1914

A reunion at Chester Castle 1914

George V and Queen Mary visit wounded soldiers at Chester Castle

Recruitment

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The Ball family from Chester

Major Churton with stores outside the Drill Hall

At the Ladies Remount Depot

Fred Griffith Jones

Waiting in the Drill Hall, ready for France

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Bessie Stolte from Queen’s Avenue who nursed with the Red Cross and her daughters who served with the RFC and the WAAC. Her son Veitch was in the Liverpool Scottish and son Gerard won the Military Medal in the Cheshires.

The Foulkes Brothers from Saltney Ferry

Robert Kind from the Groves, with his RAMC division. He died in 1917 from gas poisoning.

Joseph Fox, the Cheshire Regiment