



Private William McGOWAN

7230 2nd Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers

Killed in action 16 September 1914 aged 36

Commemorated La Ferte-Sous-Jouarre Memorial, France

Victoria Station War Memorial - Ref. 5A-011

Personal History

William McGOWAN was born at Chorley, Lancashire in 1878 the son of William and Ann McGOWAN nee RUANE.

In the 1911 census the family were living at 12, Hartington Road, Brinscall, Withnell, Chorley,. He was aged 32 with the occupation of Railway Plate Layer.

In the 1901 census the family were living at 119. Railway Road, Withnell, Chorley, Lancashire,. He was aged 23 with the occupation of General Labourer.

In the 1891 census the family were living at 10, Broowe Street, Chorley. Lancashire,. He was aged 13 with the occupation of Apprentice Blacksmith.

Before enlisting he was employed by the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company, Chief Civil Engineers Dept at Brinscall as a Platelayer

Service History

He was living at Chorley, Lancashire when he enlisted in the Royal Irish Fusiliers at Blackburn, Lancashire. and embarked for (Theatre of war not known) on 13 August 1914. His last known address was Chorley, Withnell, Brinscall, Hartington Road, 12 (1911 Census).

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He was awarded the Victory Medal, British War Medal & 14 Star and Clasp

Do you have any further information about this serviceman? If so, we would be pleased to hear from you. Contact us using the link www.mlfhs.uk/contact

