



**H**E whom this scroll commemorates was numbered among those who, at the call of King and Country, left all that was dear to them, endured hardness, faced danger, and finally passed out of the sight of men by the path of duty and self-sacrifice, giving up their own lives that others might live in freedom. Let those who come after see to it that his name be not forgotten.

205083, PRIVATE, John PORTER

2/5th Battalion

Lancashire Fusiliers

Killed in action, France & Flanders, 10/11/18

Born: Freckleton, Lancs, Enlisted: Preston, Lancs, Residence: Longton, Lancs

**In Memory of  
Private J PORTER**

**205083, 2nd/5th Bn., Lancashire Fusiliers**

**who died on 10 November 1918**

**Remembered with honour  
IRCHONWELZ COMMUNAL CEMETERY**



**Commemorated in perpetuity by  
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission**

**Name:** PORTER

**Initials:** J

**Nationality:** United Kingdom

**Rank:** Private

**Regiment/Service:** Lancashire Fusiliers

**Unit Text:** 2nd/5th Bn.

**Date of Death:** 10/11/1918

**Service No:** 205083

**Casualty Type:** Commonwealth War Dead

**Grave/Memorial Reference:** In the North West (near right hand) corner.

**Cemetery:** IRCHONWELZ COMMUNAL CEMETERY

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**Country:** Belgium

**Locality:** unspecified

**Location Information:** The village of Irchonwelz is located south-west of the town of Ath off the N7. From the motorway E42 turn off at junction 32 onto the N7 direction Ath. Follow the N7 past the villages of Gaurain-Ramecroix, Barry, Leuze-en-Hainaut and Ligne. After crossing the railway at Ligne take the first turning right to Villers-Saint-Amand, then the first turning left to Irchonwelz along rue Robert Delange. Take the first turning right off this road, cross the railway and the church is in front of you. The cemetery is near the church and the railway.

**Historical Information:** The 11 Commonwealth burials of the First World War in Irchonwelz Communal Cemetery all date from the final advance or the post-Armistice period. There is 1 unidentified burial of the Second World War here.

**No. of Identified Casualties:** 11

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Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regtl. No.
PORTER	Lan. Fus.	Plt	205083
John			
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY	H/1/101 B9	1973	
BRITISH	do	do	
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Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			

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**Correspondence.**

**Address.**

## **The medal Record Card for Private John PORTER**

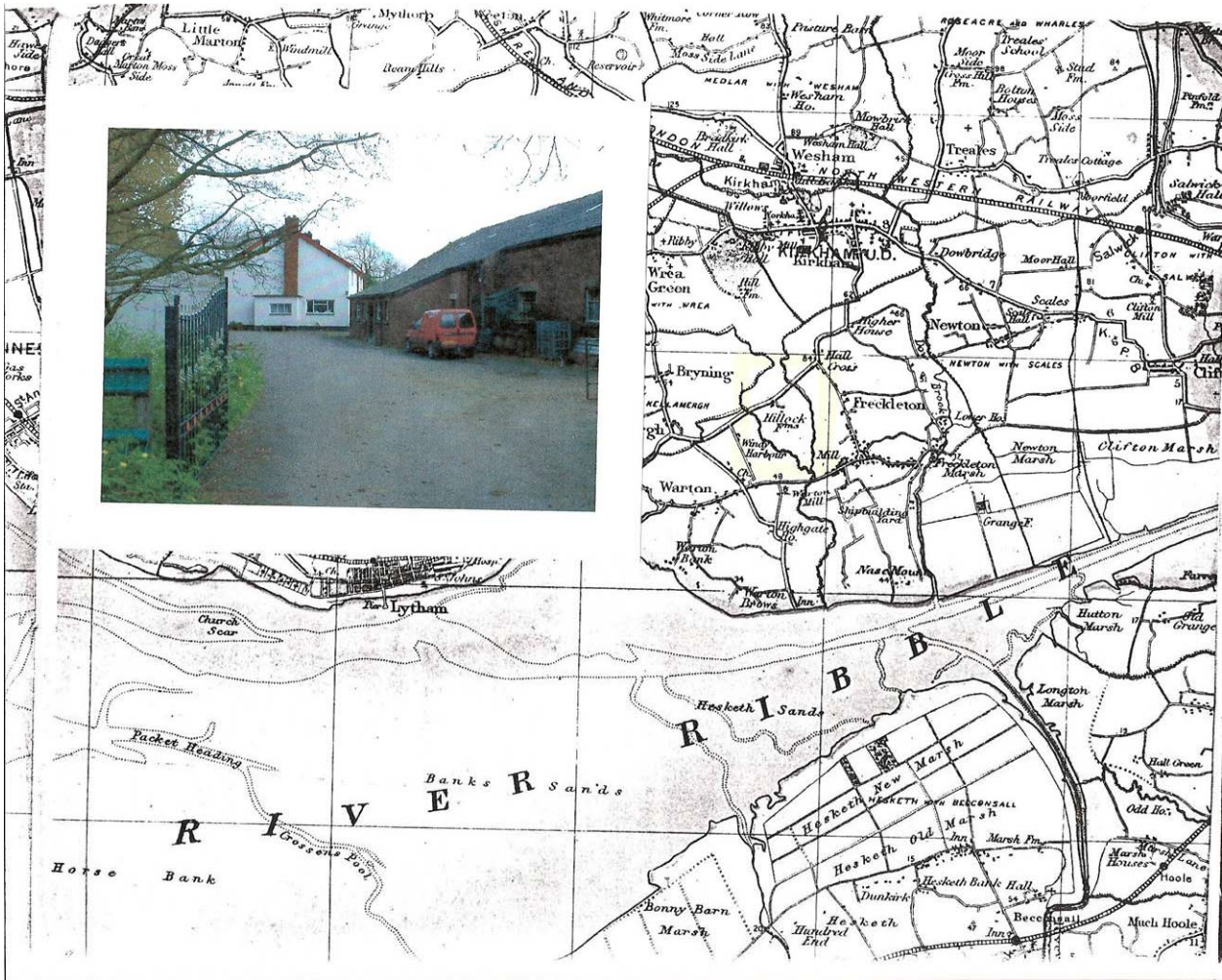
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*14<sup>th</sup> December, 1918*

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The death in action is officially reported of Pte. John Porter, Lancashire Fusiliers, who's home was at Mill Row, Walmer Bridge. An officer, writing to deceased's wife, says that on the afternoon of Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>, deceased regiment were advancing under a rather heavy bombardment, when a shell burst amongst them and killed Private Porter instantaneously. The letter concludes " He was a cheerful and good soldier, and will be sadly missed by all. " Pte. Porter, who was 31 years of age, joined the Army in 1916 and had been in France about 15 months. Prior to enlisting he worked for Mr. Matthew Tomlinson at Hillock Farm, Wharton.



An extract of Bacon's 'Excelsior Map of Lancashire'  
showing the location of Hillock Farm, Warton,  
with a photograph insert.

The 1901 Census for Hutton, Longton,  
Walmer Bridge and The Hooles

PRO Ref:- RG 13 / 3942

Seq No.	Fol.	Sch d	Road, Street, House	Forename	Surname	Rela.	Con	Age M	Age Fem	Rank, Profession or Occupation	Where Born	1.Deaf & d 2.Blind 3.Idiot 4.Lunatic
1695	96	30	Drumacre Lane, Longton	Elizabeth A.	RATHBONE	Daur	S		17	Winder - Cotton Mill	Preston	
1696	96	30	Drumacre Lane, Longton	Martha A.	RATHBONE	Daur	S		15	Winder - Cotton Mill	Preston	
1697	96	31	Drumacre Lane, Longton, Drumacre Hall	John	MARTIN	Head	M	47		Farmer	Longton	
1698	96	31	Drumacre Lane, Longton, Drumacre Hall	Elizabeth	MARTIN	Wife	M		46		Longton	
1699	96	31	Drumacre Lane, Longton, Drumacre Hall	Robert	MARTIN	Son	S	19		Farmer's son	Longton	
1700	96	31	Drumacre Lane, Longton, Drumacre Hall	George	MARTIN	Son	S	16		Farmer's son	Longton	
1701	96	32	Off Chapel Lane, Longton	Richard	PORTER	Head	M	36		Railway platelayer	Inskip	
1702	96	32	Off Chapel Lane, Longton	Ellen	PORTER	Wife	M		35		Marton	
1703	96	32	Off Chapel Lane, Longton	John	PORTER	Son	S	14		Brick works carrier off	Westby	W. W. 1
1704	96	32	Off Chapel Lane, Longton	Elizabeth A.	PORTER	Daur	S		11		Hoole	
1705	96	32	Off Chapel Lane, Longton	Richard	PORTER	Son	S	8			Hoole	
1706	96	32	Off Chapel Lane, Longton	Ellen	PORTER	Daur	S		3		Hoole	
1707	96	32	Off Chapel Lane, Longton	Ruth	PORTER	Daur	S		5m		Longton	
1708	96	33	Off Chapel Lane, Longton	James	CARR	Head	M	72		Farmer	Longton	
1709	96	33	Off Chapel Lane, Longton	Ellen	CARR	Wife	M		61		Longton	
1710	97	34	Moss Lane, Longton	Richard	HOSKER	Head	M	59		Farmer	Longton	
1711	97	34	Moss Lane, Longton	Annie	HOSKER	Wife	M		60		Leyland	
1712	97	34	Moss Lane, Longton	Robert	MOSS	Serv	S	56		Agricultural labourer	Leyland	
										Corn Merchant - traveller on agent business		
1713	97	35	Moss Lane, Longton	James	BREHERTON	Head	M	35			Blackburn	
1714	97	35	Moss Lane, Longton	Mary A.	BREHERTON	Wife	M		34		Bolton	
1715	97	35	Moss Lane, Longton	Mary	BREHERTON	Daur	S		2		Kearsley	
1716	97	35	Moss Lane, Longton	Ann	BREHERTON	Daur	S		7m		Longton	

**Extract of the 1901 Census for Longton,  
showing the Porter family living in Chapel Lane.**

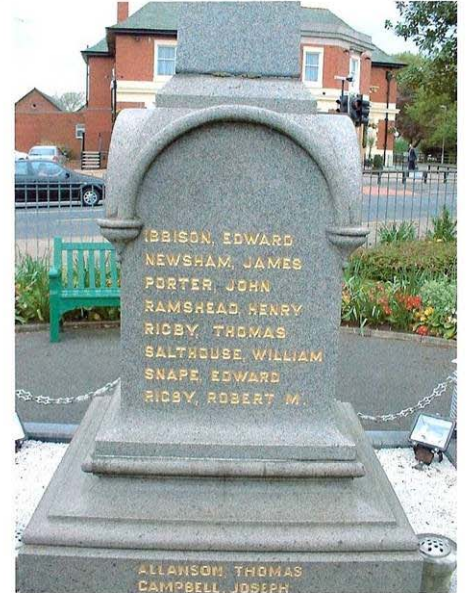




The 1914 – 1918 War Memorial at Freckleton, Lancashire.

Amongst those named is Pte. John PORTER, though he was a resident of Mill Row, Walmer Bridge, Preston, he was employed by Matthew Tomlinson of Hillock Farm, Warton, (below) at the time of his enlistment.

He was killed in action on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 1918, the day before hostilities ceased.



## Freckleton War Memorial



**Three images of Mill Row, Walmer Bridge, from  
'Traipsing from a Lancashire Toll Bar',  
by Betty Gilkes and Stan Pickles  
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