



Name **JOHN PEARSON HOWSON**

DOB Sept/Oct 1893. Baptised 2 November 1893 at St John The Evangelist, Hanley

Place of birth Hanley, Stoke on Trent

Lived at West View, Queen's Road, Penkhull

Occupation Draper's Apprentice at Bratt & Dykes, Hanley

Family In 1911 he was living with his father, Edward Drakeford Howson 47, a commission agent, and his mother Mary Howson 47, his uncle John Pearson Howson 55 and his brother Reginald 12.

Marital Status Married in 1927

Wife Marjorie Joan Leighton

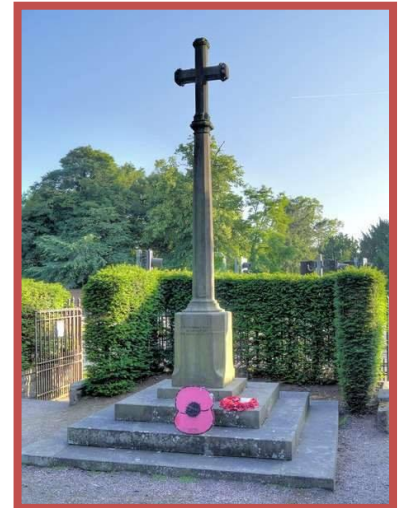
Age enlisted 21

Date enlisted 13 May 1915

Service Machine Gun Corps - Motor Machine Gun Service Royal Artillery

Reg number 1271

Rank Gunner



Date of death 3 April 1942

Age at death 48

Place of death Woodland View, Hanchurch

Cause of death 1 – (a) Tuberculosis of lungs

Grave Location of his grave is not currently known



Medals Silver War Badge No.167803 This was awarded to honourably discharged soldiers so civilians would not pick on them. From the medal cards it appears he applied for his Victory, British and Star medals in 1923

Service records He was invalided home on 8 April 1916 and honourably discharged on 4/4/1917 on the grounds of wounds or sickness and no longer fit for military service.

- Other information**
- He survived the war and married
 - We worked as a commercial traveller in provisions
 - He died in the presence of his brother Reginald of 435 New Inn Lane
 - He left effects of £2,954 0s 11d to his widow Marjorie Joan Howson, nee Leighton, and his father Edward Drakeford Howson.
 - Both of his parents, his brother and sister-in-law and their son are all buried in the same grave in Trentham cemetery. His father died in 1956 aged 92.
 - His name was presumably added to the war memorial in the 1940s.
 - His widow left money in her will for new choir stalls which were installed in Trentham Parish Church in memory of John Howson in 1963

