

Private John Lomas

John Lomas was born in the last quarter of 1871 in Fawfieldhead, nr Longnor, Staffordshire. He was the fourth child of Elias (1845-1903) and Elizabeth (nee Beresford 1844-1915) Lomas.

His siblings were Annie (born 1868), Lydia (born 1868), Herbert (born 1870), George (born 1873) and Isaac (born 1878)

In the first census record for John in 1881, he is living at the Cottage, Fawfieldhead, Longnor, with all the family apart from his 2 older sisters. His father was a Farm Labourer.

Cottage	1	Elias Lomas	Head	M	35	Farm Labourer	Blackthorn Cottage
		Elizabeth Lomas	Wife	M	36	Wife	Fawfieldhead
		Herbert	Son	M	11	Schooler	"
		John	"	"	9	"	"
		George	"	"	7	"	"
		Isaac	"	"	3	"	"

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In 1891, John has moved from the family home and is boarding at 28 Peace Street, Hanley, Staffordshire. He lists his occupation as a collier and is aged 18.

Administrative County of <u>Staffordshire</u>		The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the										Page 33			
Civil Parish		Municipal Borough		Municipal Ward		Urban Sanitary District		Town or Village or Hamlet		Rural Sanitary District		Parliamentary Borough or Division		Ecclesiastical Parish or District	
of <u>Little-on-Street</u>		of <u>Hanley</u>		of <u>East</u>		of <u>Hanley</u>		of <u>Hanley</u>		of <u>Hanley</u>		of <u>Hanley</u>		of <u>Northwood</u>	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES in which the person is enumerated (a)	HOUSES in which the person is not enumerated (b)	HOUSES in which the person is not enumerated (c)	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON-DITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday of	SEX (Male/Female)	PROFESSION or OCCUPATION	Employer	Employed	Not Employed	WHERE BORN	(1) Deaf-and-Dumb (2) Blind (3) Lunatic, Imbecile or Idiot
					John Lomas	Boarder	Single	18	M	Collier		X		Staffordshire Hanley	
					John Brown	Boarder	Single	18	M	Collier		X		Staffordshire Hanley	
					Sarah Warner	Boarder	Wid	18	F	Washer			X	Staffordshire Hanley	

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A further 10 years on in 1901, John is still a miner but is now a boarder at 34 Birch Street, Hanley. His age is now recorded as 26 (only 8 years older than 10 years previously)

34	60	1			John Lomas	Boarder	Single	26	M	Collier			X	Staffordshire Hanley	
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On 29 January 1917 he had a medical which records that he was 5' 7½" and weighed 141lbs. He was mobilised on 12 February 1917 into 4th Battalion, Prince of Wales's (North Staffordshire Regiment) and posted on 16 February 1917. He was sent to North Yorkshire for training.

John died on 7 March 1917 in the Military Hospital Redcar, whilst training. According to army records he was 41 years of age. He had only been called up 23 days previously. The cause of death was acute bronchitis.

He is buried at Christ Church Coatham Redcar.

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In addition he is remembered on his parent's headstone in St Peter's Church Alstonefield, where his correct age of 45 is recorded.



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A copy of his short service record is below

STATEMENT of the SERVICES of No. *35407* Name *John Lomas*

Corps	Battn. or Depot	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank	Dates	Service not allowed to reckon for fixing the rate of Pension		Signature of Officers certifying correctness of Entries
					years	days	
General Service		Attested	<i>Pvt</i>	<i>11-12-15</i>			
General Service		To Army Reserve		<i>12-12-15</i>			
		Mobilized		<i>2-2-17</i>			<i>H. D. Smith</i>
		Posted					
	<i>H.</i>	<i>Posted</i>	<i>Pvt</i>	<i>16-2-17</i>			<i>H. D. Smith</i>
		<i>H.H. Wick - Rank Amended at Redcar</i>	<i>Pvt</i>	<i>4-3-17</i>			<i>H. D. Smith</i>
		<i>Home</i>		<i>12-2-17 to 4-3-17</i>	<i>4 1/2</i>	<i>2 1/2</i>	

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