

Rifleman James Henry Hockenhull 16th Bn. Kings Royal Rifle Corps

- He was born in Tilstock in 1889, the son of James and Mary (nee Cartwright)
- In 1911 James Hockenhull was living at Moss Villa and working for Miss Ada Moss as a groom
 - James is described as 5' 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ " tall with grey eyes
 - In 1916 James Hockenhull's parents were living at 13 Catteralls Lane, Ash
- James enlisted on 21st September 1914 and entered France on 16th November 1915

The 16th Bn. Kings Rifle Corps was formed in 1914 and known as "The Churchmen's Battalion". The 16th moved to the frontline on the Somme in July 1916. James didn't see action on the frontline he lost his life before then. Prior to July the 16th Bn. occupied firing trenches; even though not on the frontline they nevertheless lost men through short skirmishes and sniper fire.

- James Hockenhull was killed in action on 16th March 1916
- He died from his wounds, aged 26, and is buried in Beuvry Cemetery Extension, France
 - He was awarded the 1915 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal