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War ends but not the deaths

The war ended on 11 November 1918 after 1560 days.

Only three days before the Armistice **William Brellisford** of Malpas was wounded in France - and died a week later.

The 36 year old was the first of no fewer than six of the 58 Malpas men whose cause of death in the following two year was pneumonia.

Its next victims, again in November 1918, were **John Taylor** (20) of Higher Wych who died in Ireland without seeing action on the Western Front. And 29 year old **George Woodfield** of Barton Mere became ill, it seems, on his journey

home. Both are buried in Malpas Cemetery.

The RAF's Malpas-born **Alfred Wragg** was 36 years old when he died from pneumonia in a hospital in France in March 1919. Three days later the death of **Alfred Ashley**, aged 27, occurred in a Chester

hospital after he had been at The Bolling with serious wounds received in Palestine. He is buried, too, in Malpas Cemetery.

The cause of death of Malpas-born **John Burns** in a Whitchurch hospital in May 1920, at the age of 25, is not known.

Last weeks claim three more

Another three of the men on the Malpas War Memorial died in the final weeks of the war.

Richard Simpson of Church Street had only recently been home on leave when he was fatally wounded in France in August 1918. He was 20 years old.

Joseph Hewitt (22) of Tushingam was killed in action, in Belgium in October 1918 and **Harry Lamb**, aged 27, of Macefen was killed in action in France a week later.