



IN MEMORY OF

Private DANIEL McKEON
Service No: 13025773 Pioneer Corps
who was killed on duty 16th October 1940 in Thirsk, Yorks.

Daniel McKeon was born in Killucan, Westemath, Ireland in 1899. His parents were Daniel McKeon (born 1869 in Ireland) and Mary (born 1871 in Ireland). On the 1901 Irish Census Daniel was the youngest child, aged 2, and had two elder brothers Michael (born 1891) and William (born 1893) and a sister Lizzie (born 1895). It appears that prior to the 1911 Census when the family were living at Doghouse Farm, Chideock they had lived in Bodmin in Cornwall where Winifred and Kate were born, By 1913 they had moved to Taddle Farm in North Chideock. Daniel McKeon Senior's occupation is listed as Farm Bailiff.

In the directories of 1927 a Daniel McKeon is listed as Farm Bailiff at Manor Farm, North Chideock under the ownership of the Weld Family. This may have been either Daniel or his father.

Daniel joined the the A.M.P.C. which was formed as a war emergency measure in October 1939 with the need for 'Labour/Pioneer Companies' as operated with the army in World War I. The title Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps was changed to Pioneer Corps in 1940.

Daniel was killed 'on duty' as Thirsk in Yorkshire on 16th October 1940, aged 40. A stone commemorates Daniel and has been placed in the Mortuary Chapel Cemetery in North Road, Chideock. Daniel is also 'Remembered with Honour' On the Chideock War Memorial.



Transcript:

***ALSO OF YOUR CHARITY
PRAY FOR THE SOUL
OF DAN McKEON LATE A.M.P.C
KILLED ON DUTY AT THIRSK
OCT.16TH 1940 AGED 40
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