

## 85a: William Spence Towert

### Basic Information [as recorded on local memorial or by CWGC]

Name as recorded on local memorial or by CWGC: William S. Towert

Rank: Private

Battalion / Regiment: 7th Bn. King's Shropshire Light Infantry

Service Number: 24400

Date of Death: 26 November 1916

Age at Death: ?

Buried / Commemorated at: St Mary & St Helen Churchyard, Neston

Additional information given by CWGC: None

William Spence Towert is commemorated also in Neston Parish Church and details of him are given in that section of this work [See [85: William Spence Towert](#) in Volume 6].



Move him into the sun-  
Gently its touch awoke him once,  
At home, whispering of fields half-sown.  
Always it woke him, even in France,  
Until this morning and this snow.  
If anything might rouse him now  
The kind old sun will know.

Think how it wakes the seeds-  
Woke once the clays of a cold star.  
Are limbs, so dear-achieved, are sides  
Full-nerved, still warm, too hard to stir?  
Was it for this the clay grew tall?  
-O what made fatuous sunbeams toil  
To break earth's sleep at all?



"Futility"  
Wilfred Owen  
(1893 - 1918)

