

In Memory Of

JOHN ATKINSON MM

Private 45655
15th Bn., Cheshire Regiment
who died on Sunday, 13th October 1918.

Born Hyde, Cheshire **Enlisted** Chester **Residence**
Died How Killed in action **Theatre of War** France & Flanders

Additional Inf. AWARDED MM. Son of Mr.J.Atkinson, 3, John Street, Hyde.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: DADIZEELE NEW BRITISH CEMETERY, Moorslede, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium
**Grave Reference/
Panel Number:** IV. F. 16.

Location: Dadizeele New British Cemetery is located 16 km east of Ieper town centre on a road leading from the N8 Meenseweg, connecting Ieper to Menen via Geluwe. From Ieper town centre the Meenseweg is located via Torhoutstraat and then right onto Basculestraat. Basculestraat ends at a main crossroads, directly over which begins the Meenseweg. 12 km along the N8 lies the village of Geluwe and the left hand turning onto the Nieuwstraat (later called Derdeansiersstraat, towards Dadizele). 5 km along this road lies the village of Dadizele. The cemetery is located 100 metres after the left hand turning at the junction with Geluwestraat and Beselarestraat, in the village of Dadizele.

Historical Information: The village was reached by the 36th (Ulster) Division, and taken by the 9th (Scottish) Division, on the 29th September 1918, after remaining in German hands during almost the whole of the War. Severe fighting followed, on the 1st October, at Hill 41, 1.6 kilometres South-South-East of the village. Dadizele New British Cemetery is in fact an extension of the Communal Cemetery. It was made after the Armistice by concentrations from other burial grounds and from the battlefields of 1918 (there are a few 1914 graves in plot VI, row D). The graves are mainly those of the 36th, 9th and 35th Divisions. Those of one United States airman, one Belgian civilian and two unidentified Germans have been removed to other cemeteries. There are now over 1,000, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, over 150 are unidentified and special memorials are erected to seven soldiers from the United Kingdom, known or believed to be buried in the cemetery. Other special memorials bear the names of three soldiers from the United Kingdom, buried in German cemeteries, whose graves could not be found. The cemetery covers an area of 4,097 square metres and is enclosed by a low rubble wall on three sides. The following are short particulars of cemeteries from which British graves were transferred to Dadizele New British Cemetery:- BLACK WATCH CEMETERY, LEDEGHEM, between St. Pieter and Hennekot: 34 of 9th Division (mainly 8th Royal Highlanders), who fell 14th October 1918. DEERLYCK GERMAN CEMETERY (still exists), about 90 metres East of Com. Cem.: 2 from United Kingdom, who fell October 1918. MANSARD FARM CEMETERY, DADIZEELE, between Vijfwegen and Kezelberg: 39 from United Kingdom, all but one 36th Division, October to November 1918. MOLENHOEK MILITARY CEMETERY, BECELAERE, at South-East corner of hamlet of Molenhoek: 36th Division buried 41 from United Kingdom, September to October 1918, alongside a large German Cemetery. RAILWAY CROSSING CEMETERY, DADIZEELE, on the Dadizeelehoek Klephoek road, about 90 metres West of "Teofani" railway crossing, by "Kirtan Farm": 18 of 9th and 36th Divisions, fell 14th October 1918. TERHAND GERMAN CEMETERY, GHELUWE, 90 metres South of Terhand: 28 from United Kingdom, October 1918, mainly 36th and 35th Divisions.