

In Memory Of

WILLIAM AXON

**Sapper 438658
430th Field Coy., Royal Engineers
who died on Monday, 25th March 1918. Age 26**

Born Hyde, Cheshire **Enlisted** Manchester **Residence**

Died How Killed in action **Theatre of War** France & Flanders

Additional Inf. Son of Mrs. William Axon, of 27, Hallbottom St, Newton, Hyde

Commemorative Information

Memorial: POZIERES MEMORIAL, Somme, France
**Grave Reference/
Panel Number:** Panel 10 to 13
Location:

Pozieres is a village some 6 kilometres north-east of the town of Albert. The Memorial encloses Pozieres British Cemetery which is a little south-west of the village on the north side of the main road, D929, from Albert to Pozieres. On the road frontage is an open arcade terminated by small buildings and broken in the middle by the entrance and gates. Along the sides and the back, stone tablets are fixed in the stone rubble walls bearing the names of the dead grouped under their Regiments. It should be added that, although the memorial stands in a cemetery of largely Australian graves, it does not bear any Australian names. The Australian soldiers who fell in France and whose graves are not known are commemorated on the National Memorial at Villers-Bretonneux.

Historical Information: The Memorial relates to the period of crisis in March and April 1918 when the Fifth Army was driven back by overwhelming numbers across the former Somme battlefields, and to the succeeding period of four months during which there was built up, behind the new front, of the army, which on the 8 August 1918 began the Advance to Victory. The Memorial commemorates over 14,000 casualties of the United Kingdom and 300 of the South African Forces who have no known grave and who fell in France during the Fifth Army area retreat on the Somme from 21 March to 7 August 1918. The Corps and Regiments most largely represented are The Rifle Brigade with over 600 names, The Durham Light Infantry with approximately 600 names, the Machine Gun Corps with over 500, The Manchester Regiment with approximately 500 and The Royal Horse and Royal Field Artillery with over 400 names.

In Memory Of

RICHARD BADDELEY

Private 37557
12th (Service) (Bristol) Bn., Gloucestershire Regiment
who died on Saturday, 5th May 1917. Age 23

Born Gee Cross, Hyde **Enlisted** Chester **Residence**

Died How Killed in action **Theatre of War** France & Flanders

Additional Inf. FORMERLY 1927, CHESHIRE YEOMANRY
Son of Albert Baddeley and the late Annice Baddeley

Commemorative Information

Memorial: ARRAS MEMORIAL, Pas de Calais, France
**Grave Reference/
Panel Number:** Bay 6
Location:

The Arras Memorial is in the Faubourg-d'Amiens Cemetery, which is in the Boulevard du General de Gaulle in the western part of the town of Arras. The cemetery is near the Citadel, approximately 2 kilometres due west of the railway station. The Memorial commemorates almost 35,000 casualties of the British, New Zealand and South African Forces who died between Spring 1916 and 7th August 1918, with the exception of casualties of the Battle of Cambrai in 1917, and who have no known grave. The design, by Sir Edward Lutyens, consists of a cloister, 25 feet high and 380 feet long, built up on Doric columns and faces west. In the broader part of the site the colonnade returns to form a recessed and open court, terminated by an apse. The names of the casualties are carved on stone panels fixed to the cloister walls.

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