

In Memory Of

HAROLD BANCROFT

Private 241424 (24424)
1st/5th Bn., Cheshire Regiment
who died on Thursday, 28th March 1918. Age 26



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

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

Additional Inf. Son of John and Rachael Bancroft, of 63, Corporation Street, Hyde.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: ROCLINCOURT MILITARY CEMETERY, Pas de Calais, France
**Grave Reference/
Panel Number:** V.B.8
Location:

Roclincourt is a village a little to the east of the road from Arras to Lens. Take the N 17 from Arras until the junction of this road and the D 60 (fi CWGC sign here). Travel along the D 60 into Roclincourt village, for approximately one kilometre, to a right turn (direction St Nicholas). Take this road for approximately 175 metres to a lane on the right. The cemetery lies 100 metres away at the foot of this lane.

Historical Information: The French troops who held this front before March, 1916, made a Military Cemetery (now removed), on the South-West side of which the present (British) Military Cemetery was made. It was begun by the 51st (Highland) and 34th Divisions in April, 1917, and it contains many graves of the 9th April (the first day of the Battles of Arras). It continued in use, as a front line cemetery, until October, 1918; and after the Armistice graves, most from the battlefield North of Roclincourt, were brought into Plot IV, Row 1. There are now over 900, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this Cemetery. Of these, over 30 are unidentified. The 22nd Royal Fusiliers erected a wooden memorial in the Cemetery to one officer and 27 N.C.O.'s and men who fell in action at Oppy in April and May, 1917. The cemetery covers an area of 3,540 square metres and is enclosed by a concrete curb.