

*In Memory Of*

**WILLIAM BARLOW**

**Lance Corporal 12866  
7<sup>th</sup> Bn., Border Regiment  
who died on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> October 1917.**

**Born** Hyde, Cheshire      **Enlisted** Ashton-u-Lyne      **Residence**  
**Died How** Died of wounds      **Theatre of War** France & Flanders  
**Additional Inf.**      Son of Mr & Mrs Barlow of Bank Street, Hyde

**Commemorative Information**

**Cemetery:** DOZINGHEM MILITARY CEMETERY, WESTVLETEREN, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**Grave Reference/  
Panel Number:** XI. H. 9.

**Location:** Dozinghem Military Cemetery is located 12 kilometres west of Ieper town centre on the Leeuwerikstraat, a road leading from the N308 connecting Ieper to Poperinge. From Ieper town centre the Poperingseweg (N308) is reached via Elverdingsestraat then directly over two small roundabouts in the J. Capronstraat. The Poperingseweg is a continuation of the J. Capronstraat and begins after a prominent railway level crossing. On reaching the town of Poperinge the right hand turning onto the R33 Oostlaan leads to the left hand junction with Veurnestraat. The Veurnestraat leads to the first right hand turning onto the Sint Bertinusstraat. The third right hand junction along this road leads onto Krombeekseweg, towards the village of Krombeke. 3.5 kilometres along this road, which at this point is known as Leeuwerikstraat, lies the signpost indicating the right hand turning onto a woodland track leading to Dozinghem Military Cemetery. The cemetery is located a short distance along the track.

**Historical Information:** Westvleteren was outside the front held by British troops in Belgium during the war, and the Cemetery is its one historical link with the British forces. In July 1917, at the beginning of the British offensive, groups of Casualty Clearing Stations were placed in readiness at three positions called by the troops Mendinghem, Dozinghem and Bandaghem. The 4th, 47th and 61st were posted at Dozinghem, and the Military Cemetery was used by them until early in 1918. It contains a few later burials in Plots XV and XVI. Three of the British graves were brought after the Armistice from the former French Military Cemeteries of Hoogstade-Linde, Hoogbrug and Crombeke. There are now over 3,000, 1914-18 and nearly 100, 1939-45 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, a small number from the 1939-45 War are unidentified and 3 are commemorated by special memorials bearing the inscription "Known to be buried in this cemetery", their precise burial place not having been located. The cemetery covers an area of 12,366 square metres. It is enclosed on the North and West sides by a brick and stone wall, and on the South and East by a concrete wall.