

In Memory Of

JESSE BARTON

**Gunner 56712
23rd Trench Mortar Bty., Royal Field Artillery
who died on Monday, 31st July 1916.**

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

Additional Inf.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: PEAKE WOOD CEMETERY, FRICOURT, Somme, France
**Grave Reference/
Panel Number:** B. 14.
Location: Fricourt is a village about 5 kilometres east of Albert. Peake Wood Cemetery will be found on the north-west side of the road about one kilometre from Contalmaison.

Historical Information: Peake Wood was the name given by the Army to a copse on the South-East side of the road to Contalmaison. Peake Wood fell into British hands on the 5th July, 1916; but the cemetery was not begun until the latter part of the month. It was used as a front line cemetery until February, 1917. It was in German hands from the end of March, 1918, until nearly the end of the following August. There are now over 100, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Memorials are erected to five soldiers from the United Kingdom and one from Australia who are believed to be buried here. The cemetery covers an area of 788 square metres and is enclosed by a low curb.