

In Memory Of

THOMAS BASKERVILLE

Private 4
2nd Bn., Manchester Regiment
who died on Tuesday, 18th May 1915. Age 32



Born Pendleton, Manchester **Enlisted** Ashton-u-Lyne **Residence** Hyde

Died How Died of wounds **Theatre of War** France & Flanders

Additional Inf. Husband of Phoebe Baskerville, of 142, George St. West, Hyde
Parents, 18, Rochfort Street, Hyde.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: CHESTER FARM CEMETERY, ZILLEBEKE, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**Grave Reference/
Panel Number:** I. E. 11B.

Location: Chester Farm Military Cemetery is located 4 km south east of Ieper town centre, on the Vaartstraat, a road leading from the Komenseweg connecting Ieper to Komen (N336). From Ieper town centre the Komenseweg is located via the Rijselsestraat, through the Rijselpoort (Lille Gate) and crossing the Ieper ring road, towards Armentieres and Lille. The road name then changes to Rijselseweg. 1 km along the Rijselseweg lies the left hand turning onto the Komenseweg. 2.3 km along the Komenseweg lies the right hand turning onto Vaartstraat. The cemetery is located 1.5 km along the Vaartstraat on the right hand side of the road.

Historical Information: Chester Farm was the name given to a farm about 800 metres South of Blauwepoort Farm, on the road from Zillebeke to Voormezele. The cemetery was begun in March, 1915, and used (by troops in the front line) until November, 1917. It is remarkable for the grouping of graves by battalions, which was carried out even during periods of several months; in particular, 92 officers and men of the 2nd Manchesters, who fell in April-July, 1915, are buried in Plot I, and 72 of the London Regiment in different parts of the Cemetery. There are now over 400, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Five soldiers from the United Kingdom and one from Canada are commemorated as buried, or believed to be buried, in the cemetery, though the graves cannot be found. The cemetery covers an area of 3,045 square metres and is enclosed by a wall.