

In Memory Of

THOMAS BAYLEY

**Private 242468
1st / 5th Bn., South Lancashire Regiment
who died on Monday, 20th May 1918**

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

Additional Inf.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: HOUCHIN BRITISH CEMETERY, Pas de Calais, France
**Grave Reference/
Panel Number:** I. B. 5
Location: Houchin is a village situated between Barlin and Bethune, about 5 kilometres south of Bethune. Houchin British Cemetery is on the south-west side of Houchin village. There are CWGC signposts to be found in the village of Houchin and on the main D72 road.

Historical Information: In March, 1918, the 6th Casualty Clearing Station to Houchin, and the British Cemetery were opened. From April to September the German advance made Houchin unsafe for hospitals, and the Cemetery was used by the 55th (West Lancashire) Division; 432 British and Dominion burials in the Cemetery belong to that Division, and recall the part it played in the Battles of the Lys. In September, 1918, the 6th Casualty Clearing Station returned to Houchin, and in October it was joined by the 15th. There are now over 700, 1914-18 and a small number of 1939-45 war casualties commemorated in this site. The Cemetery covers an area of 2,407 square metres and is enclosed by a curb.