

In Memory Of

CHARLES EDWARD BEAUMONT

Private 10222
11th Bn., Cheshire Regiment
who died on Monday, 3rd July 1916. Age 37

Born Earlstown, Lancs **Enlisted** Chester **Residence**

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

Additional Inf. Son of the late James and Martha Beaumont; husband of
Ethelinda G. Beaumont of 13, Lumn Road, Hyde, Cheshire

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: SERRE ROAD CEMETERY No. 2, Somme, France

**Grave Reference/
Panel Number:** XI. L. 4.

Location: The village of Serre is 11 kilometres north-north-east of Albert. Using the D919 from Arras to Amiens you will drive through the villages of Bucquoy, Puisieux then Serre Les Puisieux (approximately 20 kilometres south of Arras). On leaving Serre Les Puisieux, 1.3 kilometres further along the D919, Serre Road No.2 Cemetery can be found on the left hand side.

Historical Information: The "Serre Road" was, in June, 1916, the road leading out of Mailly-Maillet, in British hands, and entering No Man's Land about 1,170 metres South-West of Serre, which was held by the Germans. The 31st and 4th Divisions attacked North and South of this road on the 1st July, 1916; parties of the 31st Division reached Serre, but the attack failed. The 3rd and 31st Divisions renewed the attempt, without success, on the 11th November. The Germans evacuated Serre on the 24th February, 1917, and the 22nd Manchesters entered the village on the following morning. In the spring of 1917 the battlefields of the Ancre were cleared by the V Corps and a number of cemeteries made, three of which are named from the Serre Road. They fell into enemy hands on the 25th March, 1918, but were recovered on the following 14th August. In the cemetery, Plots I and II, containing 489 graves, were made by the V Corps in May, 1917; the remainder is due to the concentration of graves (mainly of 1916) from the battlefields of the Department of the Somme, and from certain other cemeteries, during the years 1922 and 1926-34. There are now over 7,000, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, over two-thirds are unidentified. Twenty-one soldiers, whose graves in the cemetery are closely but not exactly identified, are commemorated by headstones superscribed "Buried near this spot". Six French and two German graves have been removed to other cemeteries. The cemetery covers an area of 27,429 square metres and is enclosed by low stone rubble wall. In the immediate neighbourhood are the HEBUTERNE FRENCH NATIONAL CEMETERY, containing the graves of 817 French soldiers, and the SHEFFIELD-SERRE MEMORIAL PARK, a memorial to the 12th York and Lancaster Regiment. British graves from the following cemeteries were brought to Serre Road Cemetery No.2:- BAIZIEUX COMMUNAL CEMETERY (Somme): one United Kingdom grave of March, 1918. BOISMONT CHURCHYARD (Somme): one United Kingdom grave of October, 1914. BUCQUOY COMMUNAL CEMETERY (Pas-de-Calais): 25 United Kingdom graves of August, 1918. ERCHEU CHURCHYARD (Somme): United Kingdom grave of March, 1918. FRETTECUISSIE CHURCHYARD (Somme): one United Kingdom grave of September, 1916. HERVILLY CHURCHYARD (Somme): one R.F.C. grave of September, 1916. HOLNON COMMUNAL CEMETERY (Aisne): five United Kingdom graves of April, 1917. LABOISSIERE CHURCHYARD (Somme): one United Kingdom grave of April, 1917