

In Memory Of

GEORGE BESWICK

Private 14493
11th Bn., Army Cyclist Corps
who died on Sunday, 8th September 1918.



Born Oldham, Lancs **Enlisted** Hyde, Cheshire **Residence**

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

Additional Inf. FORMERLY 135670, MONT. YEO.

Son of Mrs. M.A. Beswick of 69, George Street, Hyde, Cheshire.
Brother of Fred and William Beswick.

Commemorative Information

- Cemetery:** ST. VENANT-ROBECQ ROAD BRITISH CEMETERY, ROBECQ, Pas de Calais, France
- Grave Reference/
Panel Number:** III. A. 17.
- Location:** St. Venant is a small town in the Department of the Pas-de-Calais about 15 kilometres north-west of Bethune. Robecq Road British Cemetery is on the east side of the main road between St. Venant and Robecq, a smaller village 3 kilometres to the south east.
- Historical Information:** During the greater part of the war the villages of St. Venant and Robecq remained practically undamaged; but in the Battles of the Lys, in April, 1918, the German line was established within 2 kilometres of the road. The cemetery was begun about the 12th April and used as a "front line" cemetery until the end of July. It contained at the Armistice 47 graves, but it was then greatly enlarged by the concentration from other cemeteries and from the battlefields South of St. Venant. There are now over 450, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, nearly one-fifth are unidentified and special memorials (three on the South side of the cemetery and two in Plot I, Row E.) are erected to five soldiers from the United Kingdom known or believed to be buried among them. The cemetery covers an area of 1,631 square metres and is enclosed by a rubble wall. The more important cemeteries concentrated into St. Venant-Robecq Road British Cemetery were: La Haye British Cemetery, St. Venant, in the hamlet of La Haye, 1 kilometre South-East of St. Venant. It was begun by the 2/7th Royal Warwicks and 2/8th Worcesters in April, 1918, and used until late in August. It contained the graves of 65 soldiers from the United Kingdom. Carvin British Cemetery, Mont-Bernenchon, in the orchard of a farm at Carvin, a hamlet nearly 2 kilometres North-East of Robecq. It was used by fighting units and Field Ambulances from April to August, 1918, and it contained the graves of 54 soldiers from the United Kingdom and seven German prisoners.