

In Memory Of

SAMUEL BINYON

**Private 30796
15th / 16th Bn., Cheshire Regiment
who died on Wednesday, 10th April 1918**

Born Hyde, Cheshire **Enlisted** Hyde, Cheshire **Residence**
Died How Died of wounds **Theatre of War** France & Flanders
Additional Inf. Husband of Mrs.N.Binyon, of 28, Grafton Street, Hyde.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: ST. PIERRE CEMETERY, AMIENS, Somme, France
**Grave Reference/
Panel Number:** X. D. 3.
Location: St. Pierre Cemetery is situated on the north-eastern outskirts of Amiens, on the northern side of the main road to Albert. At the back of the cemetery is the British Plot.

Historical Information: During part of August, 1914, Amiens was the British Advanced Base. It was captured by the Germans on the 31st of that month, and retaken by the French on the following 13th September. The German offensive which began in March, 1918, had Amiens for at least one of its objectives; but the "Battle of Amiens" (8th to 11th August, 1918) is the British name for the action by which the counter-offensive, the Advance to Victory, was begun. The 7th General Hospital was at Amiens in August, 1914; the 56th (South Midland) Casualty Clearing Station from April to July, 1916; the New Zealand Stationary Hospital from July, 1916, to May, 1917; the 42nd Stationary Hospital from October, 1917, to March, 1919; and the 41st Stationary Hospital in March, 1918, and again in December, 1918, and January, 1919. The British Plot was first used in September, 1915, and closed in October, 1919; but shortly after 33 graves of 1918 were brought in from positions in or near the city. During the 1939-45 War Amiens was again a British base, and G.H.Q. reserve was accommodated in the area South-West of the town. There was heavy fighting in and around Amiens when the Germans broke through the Somme line and took the town on May 18th, 1940. Much damage was done, but although all the houses to the West of the cathedral were completely destroyed by the bombardment, the cathedral itself and the church of St. Germain l'Ecoisais survived. Amiens was retaken by the British Second Army on August 31st, 1944. British General Hospitals Nos. 25 and 121 were posted there in October 1944, remaining until April 1945. There are now over 750, 1914-18 and nearly 100, 1939-45 war casualties commemorated in this site. One of the graves from the 1914-18 War, the site of which is now lost, is represented by a special memorial. The British Plot covers an area of 3,774 square metres.