In Memory Of

WILLIAM BOTTOMS

Private 18115
20th Bn., Manchester Regiment
who died on Monday, 17th April 1916. Age 24

Born Hyde, Cheshire **Enlisted** Manchester **Residence** Hyde, Cheshire

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

Additional Inf. Son of Betty Bottoms, of 10, Deal Street, Hyde, and the late John Henry Bottoms.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery:	CITADEL NEW MILITARY CEMETERY, FRICOURT, Somme, France
Grave Reference/ Panel Number:	V. C. 15.
Location:	Fricourt is a village about 5 kilometres east of Albert and Citadel New Military Cemetery is approximately 2.5 kilometres south of Fricourt on the east side of the road to Bray-sur-Somme.
Historical Information:	The village was captured by the 17th Division on the 2nd July, 1916; but the Southern part of the commune, in which this cemetery is situated, was already in British hands. The cemetery was begun by French troops; and from August, 1915, when the first British burials were made, it was known as the Citadel Military Cemetery (Point 71). It was used until November, 1916, and once in August, 1918. The great majority of the burials were carried out from Field Ambulances before the Battles of the Somme; in the Autumn of 1916 the Citadel became a large camp for units withdrawn from the line. There are now over 350, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, over 10 are unidentified. The cemetery covers an area (including that of the access road) of 3,092 square metres and is enclosed by a rubble wall.