In Memory Of

JOSEPH BRAMWELL

Lance Corporal 34907
10th Bn., Cheshire Regiment
who died on Wednesday, 26th July 1916. Age 24

Born **Enlisted** Hyde. **Residence**

Died How Killed in action. **Theatre of War** France and Flanders

Additional Inf. Son of Mr and Mrs J R Bramwell, of 25, Markland St, Hyde.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: KNIGHTSBRIDGE CEMETERY, MESNIL-MARTINSART, Somme, France
Grave Reference/ Panel Number: C. 20.
Location: The village of Mesnil is about 8 kilometres north of the town of Albert on the D129 road. The cemetery is about 2 kilometres north-east of Mesnil (signposted in the centre of Mesnil). Access is by a farm track of which 1 kilometre is tarmac and 1 kilometre is dirt track (unsuitable for cars). The cemetery is 200 metres from the track and no permanent grass pathway exists.

Historical Information: The Cemetery, which is named from a communication trench, was begun at the outset of the Battles of the Somme, 1916. It was used by units fighting on that front until the German retreat in February, 1917; and it was used again by fighting units from the end of March to July, 1918, when the German advance brought the front line back to the Ancre. After the Armistice, graves in Rows G, H, J were added by the concentration of bodies from isolated positions on the battlefields of 1916 and 1918 round Mesnil. There are now nearly 550, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, over a quarter are unidentified. The 4th Bedfords erected a memorial in the cemetery to seven of their Non-Commissioned Officers who fell on the 13th November, 1916, in the capture of Beaumont-Hamel. The Cemetery covers an area of 2,437 square metres and is enclosed by a rubble wall.