

In Memory Of

ALBERT EDWARD BURGESS

Private 6171
1st Bn., King's Shropshire Light Infantry
who died on Tuesday, 19th October 1915. Age 20

Born Hyde, Cheshire **Enlisted** Hyde, Cheshire **Residence**
Died How Died of wounds **Theatre of War** France & Flanders
Additional Inf. Son of Samuel and Elizabeth Ann Burgess, of 136, Nelson St.
Hyde, Cheshire.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: POPERINGE NEW MILITARY CEMETERY, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium
**Grave Reference/
Panel Number:** I. C. 21.
Location: Poperinge New Military Cemetery is located 10.5 km west of Ieper town centre, in the town of Poperinge itself. From Ieper, Poperinge is reached via the N308. From Ieper town centre the Poperingseweg (N308), is reached via Elverdingsestraat then directly over two small roundabouts in the J. Capronstraat. The Poperingseweg is a continuation of the J. Capronstraat and begins after a prominent railway level crossing. On reaching the town of Poperinge, the left hand turning from the N308 leads onto the R33 Poperinge ring road. 1 km along the N33 lies the right hand turning onto Deken De Bolan. The cemetery is located 100 metres from the ring road level with Onze Vrouwedreef on the right hand side of the road.

Historical Information: The town of Poperinge was of great importance during the First World War because, although occasionally bombed or bombarded at long range, it was the nearest place to Ypres which was both considerable in size and reasonably safe. It was at first a Casualty Clearing Station centre, but by 1916 it was found desirable to move these units further back, and Field Ambulances took their places. The earliest British graves are in the Communal Cemetery, a walled graveyard on the Reninghelst road at the entrance to the town. The Old Military Cemetery was made in the course of the first Battle of Ypres, and was closed (so far as British burials are concerned) at the beginning of May, 1915. The New Military Cemetery was established in June, 1915. There are now nearly 700, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. The cemetery covers an area of 10,000 square metres and is enclosed by a low stone kerb wall.