

In Memory Of

JAMES BURKE

Private 50235
9th Bn., Cheshire Regiment
who died on Sunday, 24th March 1918.



Born Hyde, Cheshire **Enlisted** Chester **Residence**
Died How Killed in action **Theatre of War** France & Flanders
Additional Inf. FORMERLY 1888, CHESHIRE YEO.
Son of Mr P Burke, 29 Elizabeth Street, Hyde.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: DELSAUX FARM CEMETERY, BEUGNY, Pas de Calais, France
Grave Reference/ III. C. 23. Buried near this spot.
Panel Number:
Location: This cemetery is near the village of Beugny, 19 kilometres south-west of Cambrai on the RN30 Bapaume-Cambrai road. The RD20 Haplincourt/Roquiny forms a T junction with the RN30 at the Mairie in Beugny. The Cemetery is signposted at this point and is 1 kilometre from the T junction leaving Beugny on the RD20 in the direction of Haplincourt. The cemetery is on the left adjacent to the RD20.

Historical Information: Delsaux Farm (now rebuilt) was a point on the German defensive system known as the Beugny-Ytres line, which was reached by British troops on the 18th March, 1917, and passed on the 19th. It was lost on the 23rd March, 1918, after the gallant defence of Beugny by the 9th Welch Regiment and their withdrawal; but it was retaken by the 5th Division on the 2nd September, 1918, and on the next day the same Division occupied Beugny village. After their advance in March, 1918, the Germans made a Cemetery ("BEUGNY MILITARY CEMETERY, No. 18") at the cross-roads, and buried in it 103 British and 82 German dead. The site was extended in October November, 1918, by the 29th and 46th Casualty Clearing Stations, which came to Delsaux Farm and made the present cemetery; and a little later the German graves of March, 1918, were removed and the 103 British dead reburied in Plot I, Row "J"; Plot II, Row "A"; and Plot III, Rows "B," "C" and "D." The cemetery was completed by the reburial of other British soldiers from graves on the battlefield. There are now over 500, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, over 60 are unidentified and 32 others identified as a whole but not individually, are marked with headstones inscribed "Buried near this spot". The cemetery covers an area of 1,843 square metres and is enclosed by a low brick wall.