

In Memory Of

WILLIAM CHAISTY

Private 2172
1/6th Bn., Cheshire Regiment
who died on Friday, 28th July 1916.



Born Salford, Manchester **Enlisted** Glossop, Derbys. **Residence**

Died How Died of wounds **Theatre of War** France & Flanders

Additional Inf. 41, Ridling Lane, Hyde.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: CHOCQUES MILITARY CEMETERY, Pas de Calais, France

**Grave Reference/
Panel Number:** I. J. 28.

Location: Chocques is 4 kilometres north-west of Bethune on the road to Lillers. When you reach the traffic lights on this road at Chocques, follow the signs for the centre of town and go through the main street, then turn left towards Gonnheim. Take the next turning on the right and the cemetery lies approximately 400 metres down the road on the left.

Historical Information: Chocques was in British occupation from the late autumn of 1914 to the end of the War. It was at one time the Headquarters of the I Corps. From January, 1915, to April, 1918, No. 1 Casualty Clearing Station was posted in the village, and during that time almost all the burials in the Cemetery were those of men who died there of wounds received in the fighting on the Bethune front. These men are buried in Plot I, and the officers in part of Plot V. From April to September, 1918, the burials were carried out by Field Ambulances, Divisions and units; the graves are in parts of Plots II to VI, and they represent the repulse of the German attack on this front. The groups of graves of a single Royal Artillery Brigade in Plot II, Row A, and of the 2nd Seaforths in II D, and III A, are significant of the casualties of the 4th Division at that time. The big collective grave in VI A contains the remains of soldiers of the 4th King's Liverpool Regiment killed in a troop train in April, 1918.