In Memory Of

HARRY CROFT

Private 69919
Royal Army Medical Corps
who died on Friday, 23rd March 1917.

Born Hyde, Cheshire **Enlisted** Hyde, Ches. **Residence**

Died How Died **Theatre of War** Mesopotamia

Additional Inf. **Flowery Field, Hyde.** 26, Well Meadow.

Commemorative Information

Memorial:	BASRA MEMORIAL, Iraq
Grave Reference/ Panel Number:	Panel 42
Location:	The Basra Memorial was originally sited within Basra War Cemetery but in 1997 the Memorial was moved by presidential decree. The move, carried out by the authorities in Iraq, involved a considerable amount of manpower, transport costs and sheer engineering on their part, and the Memorial has been re-erected in its entirety. The Basra Memorial is now located 32 kilometres along the road to Nasiriyah, in the middle of what was a major battleground during the Gulf War. The Memorial consists of a roofed colonnade of white Indian stone, 80 metres long, with an obelisk 16 metres high as the central feature. The names are engraved on slate panels fixed to the wall behind the columns. More than 40,000 British, Indian and West African dead who died in the operations in Mesopotamia from the Autumn of 1914 to the end of August 1921, are commemorated on the Memorial.