

In Memory Of

ALBERT CROMPTON

Private 31122
2nd / 4th Bn., The Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
who died on Saturday, 28th September 1918.

Born Hyde, Cheshire **Enlisted** Hyde, Ches. **Residence**
Died How Killed in action **Theatre of War** France & Flanders

Additional Inf. FORMERLY 15338, CHESHIRE REGIMENT
Son of Robert & Mary Ann Crompton, 25 Queen St, Hyde.
Commemorative Information

Cemetery: ANNEUX BRITISH CEMETERY, Nord, France
Grave Reference/ I. C. 1.
Panel Number:
Location: Anneux is a village in the Department of the Nord, a little to the south of the main road from Cambrai to Bapaume. The Cemetery is 200 metres from the junction of the N30 and D15

Historical Information: Anneux was captured, with Havrincourt and Graincourt, by the 62nd (West Riding) Division, on the 20th and 21st November, 1917. It remained in British hands until the following 6th December. It was recaptured on the 27th September, 1918, by the 57th (West Lancashire) and 63rd (Royal Naval) Divisions, acting with the 52nd (Lowland) and the 1st and 4th Canadian Divisions. These six Divisions, with the New Zealand Division (which carried on the advance in October, 1918), are most largely represented in the Cemetery. The original Cemetery was made by the 57th Division Burial Officer and by various units in October, 1918. It contained 131 graves. It was greatly increased after the Armistice by the concentration of 875 graves from the surrounding battlefields and small Cemeteries. There are just over 1,000, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, nearly half are unidentified, and special memorials are erected to seven soldiers from the United Kingdom believed to be buried among them. The cemetery now covers an area of 3,237 square metres. The 2nd Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, the 1st Auckland Regiment, the 1st New Zealand Rifle Brigade and the 4th Gordon Highlanders erected wooden memorials in the Cemetery to their dead of October, 1918. The only important graveyards concentrated to Anneux British Cemetery were DELMADGE CEMETERY, FONTAINE-NOTRE DAME, 800 metres North-East of the railway station, containing the graves of Lieut. R. B. Delmadge and 23 other Canadian soldiers who fell in September and October, 1918; and FLOT FARM CEMETERY, MARCOING, on the South side of a farm nearly 1.60 kms West of Rumilly village. Thirty-four soldiers of the 2nd O.B.L.I., who fell on the 1st October, were buried here in one grave.