

In Memory Of

WILLIAM DAVENPORT

Private 17785
10th Bn., Cheshire Regiment
who died on Saturday, 13th May 1916



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

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

Additional Inf. Eldest son of Mrs Ashwood of 127 Victoria Street, Newton.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery:

ST. SEVER CEMETERY, ROUEN, Seine-Maritime, France

**Grave Reference/
Panel Number:**

A. 20. 36.

Location:

St. Sever Cemetery and Extension is situated about 3 kilometres south of Rouen Cathedral and a short distance west of the road from Rouen to Elbeuf. Coming from Elbeuf/Caen on the N.138 follow Avenue Des Canadiens right down to the roundabout. Take fourth exit into Rue Stanislas De Jardin, and the cemetery lies 150 metres on the left. If coming from station Rive Gauche, Gare St Sever, follow Quai D'Elbeuf, Quai Jean Moulin, Quai Cavalier De La Salle into Avenue Jan Rondeaux, Av. De La Liberation, Bd. Du 11 Novembre to the roundabout. Take first exit into Rue Stanislas De Jardin, and the cemetery lies 150 metres on the left. St. Sever is part of Le Petit Quevilly. The first CWGC signpost is just when you get to the entrance of the cemetery.

Historical Information:

During the 1914-18 war British camps and hospitals were placed on the Southern outskirts of the city; a Base Supply Depot and the 3rd Echelon of General Headquarters were established at Rouen. The Hospitals at Rouen remained there in almost all cases for practically the whole of the war. They included eight General, five Stationary, one British Red Cross and one Native Labour Hospitals and No. 2 Convalescent Depot. A number of the dead from these Hospitals were buried in other cemeteries, but the great majority were taken to St. Sever; and in September, 1916, it was found necessary to begin an Extension. There are now over 3,000, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site.