

In Memory Of

**WILLIAM DIGGINES**

Private 59078  
1<sup>st</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> Bn., Welsh Regiment  
who died on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 1917

<b>Born</b>	Denton	<b>Enlisted</b>	Hyde	<b>Residence</b>	
<b>Died How</b>	Died at sea when troopship "Transylvania" was sunk.	<b>Theatre of War</b>	Egypt Off the Italian Coast		
<b>Additional Inf.</b>	Killed in action. Son of Esther Diggines (Bristol), 30 Ashton Rd. Denton.				
<b>Commemorative Information</b>					

**Memorial:** SAVONA MEMORIAL, Italy  
**Location:** Exit the A10 autostrada at Savona Vado. Follow the signs to Quiliano, which is immediately right. Savona Town Cemetery is signposted and the Memorial stands within this cemetery. Proceed on foot toward the rear of the cemetery and at the large cross in the centre, turn left, then right. Pass through an entrance way in a wall and follow the path. The CWGC plot is the right.

**Historical Information:** Savona's name appears in the history of the Great War on the 4th May, 1917, when the Hired Transport "Transylvania," of 14,315 tons, was sunk torpedoed off Cape Vado, a few miles South of the town, with 398 military casualties in addition to those of the crew. It was proceeding to Salonika with reinforcements. The bodies recovered at Savona were buried two days later, from the Hospital of San Paulo, in a special plot in the Town Cemetery at Zinola. The municipal authorities erected a commemorative marble tablet, and the survivors collected funds for a memorial (now re-erected at Bergoggi). Of the 398 military dead from the "Transylvania," 82 are buried at Savona and 38 elsewhere (in Italy, France, Monaco and Spain); four whose bodies were not recovered are commemorated on other Memorials and the names of 274 appear on a marble screen wall in Savona Town Cemetery. These last belonged to 32 different Corps or Regiments; 72 belonged to the Royal Army Medical Corps, 38 to the Royal Army Service Corps and 23 to the Welch Regiment.