

In Memory Of

DAVID ETCHELLS

Private 40533
20th Bn., Manchester Regiment
who died on Tuesday, 15th May 1917. Age 24

Born Newton, Hyde Enlisted Chester Residence Hyde

Died How Died of wounds Theatre of War France & Flanders

Additional Inf. FORMERLY 1868, CHESHIRE YEOMANRY. Son of
Mr. D. Etchells, of 30, Victoria Street, Newton, Hyde, Cheshire

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: MORY ABBEY MILITARY CEMETERY, MORY, Pas de Calais, France
**Grave Reference/
Panel Number:** I. F. 7.

Location: Mory is a village between Arras and Bapaume, and about 2 kilometres east of the village of Ervillers. Mory-Abbey Military Cemetery is 450 metres north of the village on the north side of the road to Ecoust-St Mein opposite a large farm called "L'Abbaye".

Historical Information: Mory village was occupied by British troops in the middle of March, 1917; lost after obstinate defence by the 40th and 34th Division a year later; and recaptured towards the end of the following August, after severe fighting, by the 62nd (West Riding) and Guard Division. The 189 German burials in a Plot on the West side of the cemetery were made by German troops in March-August, 1918, or (in thirteen cases) by British troops in September, 1918. The British Plots were begun at the end of March, 1917, and carried on by fighting units until March, 1918, and again in August and September, 1918, as far as Plot III inclusive. The graves (including many of the Guards Division, and chiefly of 1918,) in Plots IV and V were added after the Armistice by the concentration of graves from the bafflefields between St. Leger and Bapaume. The grave of one United States airman has been removed to another burial ground. There are now over 600, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, over 100 are unidentified and a special memorial is erected to one soldier from the United Kingdom known to be buried among them. The cemetery covers an area, exclusive of the German Plot, of 2,794 square metres and is enclosed by a rubble wall. The following were the only considerable burial grounds from which British graves were brought to this cemetery:- GRENADIER GUARDS CEMETERY, ST. LEGER, on the road to Vraucourt, which contained the graves of 24 men of the 2nd Grenadier Guards and two other soldiers from the United Kingdom who fell on the 27th August, 1918. HALLY COPSE EAST CEMETERY, ST. LEGER, between "Hally Copse" and the road to Vraucourt, which contained the graves of 49 soldiers from the United Kingdom (all of the Guards Division except one) who fell in August, 1918. MORY FRENCH CEMETERY, 800 metres South-West of the village, in which three soldiers from the United Kingdom were buried in February and March, 1917.