

In Memory Of

THOMAS FELL

Private 54718
10th Bn., Royal Welsh Fusiliers
who died on Monday, 13th November 1916. Age 32

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

Additional Inf. Son of Thomas and Mary Fell, of Godley, Hyde; husband of Helena Fell, of 7, Oak Street, Newton Moor, Hyde.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: SERRE ROAD CEMETERY No. 3, Pas de Calais, France
**Grave Reference/
Panel Number:** Sp. Mem. I.
Location:

The village of Serre is 11 kilometres north-north-east of Albert. Using the D919 from Arras to Amiens you will drive through the villages of Bucquoy, Puisieux, then Serre Les Puisieux (approximately 20 kilometres south of Arras). On leaving Serre Les Puisieux, 600 metres further along the D919, there is a right turn onto a small lane which will take you directly to Serre Road No.3 Cemetery. It must, however, be emphasised that this lane is not suitable for cars and buses.

Historical Information: The "Serre Road" was, in June, 1916, the road leading out of Mailly-Maillet, in British hands, and entering No Man's Land about 1,170 metres South-West of Serre, which was held by the Germans. The 31st and 4th Divisions attacked North and South of this road on the 1st July, 1916; parties of the 31st Division reached Serre, but the attack failed. The 3rd and 31st Divisions renewed the attempt, without success, on the 11th November. The Germans evacuated Serre on the 24th February, 1917, and the 22nd Manchesters entered the village on the following morning. In the spring of 1917, the battlefields of the Ancre were cleared by the V Corps and a number of cemeteries made, three of which are named from the Serre Road. They fell into enemy hands on the 25th March, 1918, but were recovered on the following 14th August. Serre Road Cemetery No. 3, was made by the V Corps in the spring of 1917. There are now over 80, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, over half are unidentified and special memorials are erected to four men who are known or believed to be buried among them. The cemetery covers an area of 293 square metres and is enclosed by a rubble wall.