

In Memory Of

**PERCY FIGG**



Private 31460  
8<sup>th</sup> Bn., Prince of Wales's Volunteers (South Lancs. Regiment)  
who died on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> October 1916. Age 26

**Born** Enlisted Hyde, Cheshire **Residence** Hyde

**Died How** Killed in action **Theatre of War** France & Flanders

**Additional Inf.** Son of Edward and Sarah Figg; husband of Lena McGraw  
(formerly Figg), of 2, Orchard Street, Hyde, Cheshire.

**Commemorative Information**

**Cemetery:** GRANDCOURT ROAD CEMETERY, GRANDCOURT, Somme, France  
**Grave Reference/  
Panel Number:** D. 14.  
**Location:** Grandcourt is a village about 11 kilometres north-north-east of the town of Albert. The Cemetery is 1 kilometre south of the village in the direction of Thiepval on the D151 road. Access from the D151 is by a single lane road. The Cemetery, 500 metres on the southern side of the road, is in the middle of a field.

**Historical Information:** Grandcourt was reached on the 1st July, 1916, by men of the 36th (Ulster) Division; but it was not taken until the night of the 5th/6th February, 1917, when patrols of the Royal Naval Division found it deserted. It was in enemy hands again from April to August, 1918. The village was later "adopted" by the town of Stourbridge. Grandcourt Road Cemetery was made in the spring of 1917, when the Ancre battlefield was cleared. There are now nearly 400, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, nearly one-third 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 of 496 square metres and is enclosed by a red brick wall.