

In Memory Of

FRED GUNNELL

Private 351356
1st / 2nd / 9th Bn., Manchester Regiment
who died on Wednesday, 25th April 1917. Age 25

Born **Enlisted** Ashton-u-Lyne **Residence** Hyde, Cheshire

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

Additional Inf. Son of Willie and Elizabeth Alice Gunnell, of 2, Meadow St. Hyde.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: EPEHY WOOD FARM CEMETERY, EPEHY, Somme, France
Grave Reference/ III. E. 13.
Panel Number:

Location: Epehy is a village between Cambrai and Peronne about 18 kilometres north-east of Peronne. Epehy Wood Farm Cemetery is a little west of the village and on the north side of the road to Saulcourt.

Historical Information: The village of Epehy was captured at the beginning of April, 1917. It was lost on the 22nd March 1918, after a gallant defence by the Leicester Brigade of the 21st Division and the 2nd Royal Munster Fusiliers. It was retaken (in the Battle of Epehy) on the 18th September 1918, by the 7th Norfolks, 9th Essex and 1st/1st Cambridgeshires of the 12th (Eastern) Division and a stone cross erected by the Division, stands beside the road to Ronssoy, about 450 metres South East of the village. The cemetery takes its name from the Ferme du Bois, a little to the East. Plots I and II were made by the 12th Division after the capture of the village, and contain the graves of officers and men who fell in September, 1918 (or, in a few instances, in April, 1917, and March, 1918). Plots III-VI were made after the Armistice, by the concentration of graves from smaller cemeteries and from the battlefields surrounding Epehy. There are now nearly 1,000, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, over 200 are unidentified and special memorials are erected to 29 soldiers from the United Kingdom, known or believed to be buried among them. Other special memorials record the names of two soldiers from the United Kingdom, buried in Epehy New British Cemetery, whose graves could not be found when that cemetery was concentrated. The cemetery covers an area of 3,841 square metres and is enclosed on three sides by a rubble wall. The burial grounds concentrated into Epehy Wood Farm Cemetery included the following:- DEELISH VALLEY CEMETERY, EPEHY, in the valley running from South-West to North-East 1.6 kilometres East of Epehy village. It contained the graves of 158 soldiers from the United Kingdom (almost all of the 12th Division) who fell in September, 1918. EPEHY NEW BRITISH CEMETERY, on the South side of the village, containing the graves of 100 soldiers from the United Kingdom who fell in August, 1917-March, 1918 and in September, 1918. EPEHY R.E. CEMETERY, 137 metres North of the New British Cemetery. It contained the graves of 31 soldiers from the United Kingdom who fell in April-December, 1917, and of whom 11 belonged to the 429th Field Company, Royal Engineers.