

In Memory Of

**SAMUEL GUNNING**

Private 39283  
5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> Bn., South Wales Borderers  
who died on Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> May 1917. Age 22

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

**Additional Inf.** FORMERLY 3979, MONMOUTHSHIRE REGt.  
Son of David and Isabella Gunning, of 17, Charles Street,  
Newton, Hyde, Cheshire.

**Commemorative Information**

**Cemetery:** VLAMERTINGHE MILITARY CEMETERY, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium  
**Grave Reference/  
Panel Number:** VII. A. 3.  
**Location:** Vlamertinge Military Cemetery is located 5 Km west of Ieper town centre, on the Hospitaalstraat, which is a road leading from the Poperingseweg. (Connecting Ieper to Poperinge). (\* Vlamertinge is the modern spelling of Vlamertinghe). From Ieper town centre the Poperingseweg (N308), is reached via Eilverdingsestraat then straight over two small roundabouts in the J. Capronstraat. The Poperingseweg is a continuation of J. Capronstraat and begins after a prominent railway level crossing. On reaching the village of Vlamertinge the cemetery is located on the Hospitaalstraat, which is the second right turning after the village church. The cemetery lies 50 metres along the Hospitaalstraat on the right hand side of the road.

**Historical Information:** Vlamertinghe Military Cemetery was started by the French troops in Belgium in 1914. The Cemetery was used by fighting troops and Field Ambulances. It was very carefully tended by them until June 1917, when further extension was forbidden and burials practically ceased as the adjoining land was claimed for a Military railway. It is remarkable for the care with which men of the same unit were buried side by side if they fell about the same time; for the very high proportion of graves of Territorial units; and in particular for the presence of nearly 250 Lancashire Territorial graves in plots IV, V and VI. During the early months of 1917 the 55th Division, whenever it was possible, brought their dead from the front for burial here. There are now over 1,000, 1914-18 and a small number of 1939-45 war casualties commemorated in this site. The Cemetery covers an area of 6,875 square metres and is enclosed by a terrace wall on the road frontage and on the other three sides by a stone kerb.