

In Memory Of

GEORGE HADFIELD

Private 5209
10th Bn., Lancashire Fusiliers
who died on Friday, 24th September 1915. Age 32



Born Widnes Enlisted Ashton-u-Lyne Residence Cleethorpes

Died How Killed in action Theatre of War France & Flanders

Additional Inf. Son of George and Elizabeth Hadfield, of 19, Yarra Road,
Cleethorpes, Lincs; Native of Hyde.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: RIDGE WOOD MILITARY CEMETERY, VOORMEZEELE, Heuveland,
West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**Grave Reference/
Panel Number:** II. E. 19.

Location: Ridge Wood Military cemetery is located 5 Km south west of leper town centre, on the Slijpstraat, a road leading from the Kemmelseweg. (Connecting leper to Kimmel N331). From leper town centre the Kemmelseweg is reached via the Rijselsestraat, through the Lille Gate (Rijselpoort), and straight on towards Armentieres (N365). 900 m after the crossroads is the right hand turning onto the Kemmelseweg. (Made prominent by a railway level crossing). 4 km along the Kemmelseweg on the right hand side lies Elzenwalle Military Cemetery, which marks the junction with Slijpstraat. Ridge Wood Military Cemetery lies 1 Km along the Slijpstraat, after a small staggered crossroads.

Historical Information: Ridge Wood was the name given to a wood standing on high ground between the Kimmel road and Dickebusch Lake. The cemetery lies in a hollow, on the Western side of the Ridge, and the position was chosen for a "front-line cemetery" as early as May, 1915. The first graves belonged to the 2nd Royal Irish Rifles, and similar groups were made by the 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st Canadian Battalions and the 9th Durham Light Infantry at the times when they occupied this sector. The Battles of the Lys, in the spring of 1918, brought the British front back on to the Ridge, and it was not till July that the Wood was finally cleared by the 6th and 33rd Divisions. There are few burials from these last battles in the cemetery, and the graves of some French Divisions which fought with our own in April and May have been removed. There are now over 600, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. The cemetery covers an area of 3,729 square metres and enclosed by a brick wall.