

In Memory Of

ROBERT HAGUE

Private 27050
6th Bn., Prince of Wales's Volunteers (South Lancs. Regiment)
who died on Friday, 16th November 1917. Age 30

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

Died How Died **Theatre of War** Mesopotamia

Additional Inf. Son of William Wycherley Hague and Elizabeth Hague,
of 21, Thomas Street, Flowery Field, Hyde.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: BASRA WAR CEMETERY, Iraq
Grave Reference/ I. E. 4.
Panel Number:
Location:

Basra is a town on the west bank of the Shatt-al-Arab, 90 kilometres from its mouth in the Persian Gulf. The cemetery is about 8 kilometres north-west of Basra. Also to be found in the cemetery is the Basra (Tanooma Chinese) Memorial which commemorates over 200 unidentified members of the Chinese Labour Corps who were attached to the Inland Water Transport and who are buried in Tanooma Chinese Cemetery, but whose graves were found to be unmaintainable.

Historical Information: Iraq, formerly Mesopotamia and an integral part of the Turkish Empire, became a kingdom after the 1914-1918 War when, under the Treaty of Lausanne (1923), Turkey renounced sovereignty over Mesopotamia; but a republican form of government was set up in 1958 after the assassination of Faisal II and other members of the Royal Family. Lying between the rivers Euphrates and Tigris and stretching from Turkey on the north and north-east to the Persian Gulf in the south and south-east, and from Iran on the east to Syria and the Arabian Desert on the west, Iraq corresponds approximately to ancient Mesopotamia. Basra takes its name from the great military camp founded in A.D. 637 near Zobeir by Omar, the second Caliph, to control lower Iraq and especially the sea approaches. From this camp sprang the famous city of "Basrah, the Venice of the East". Its port was the anchorage for boats from countries as far away as China. As time went on the canals which connected Basrah with the Persian Gulf silted up, until finally all communication with the Gulf was cut off and the town was transferred to a new site near the confluence of the rivers Tigris and Euphrates - the Shatt-al-Arab - 56 miles from its mouth in the Persian Gulf.