

*In Memory Of*

**JAMES HAROLD HALKYARD**

Private 14514  
9<sup>th</sup> Bn., The Loyal North Lancs. Regiment  
who died on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> May 1916.

**Born** Hyde, Cheshire    **Enlisted** Farnworth    **Residence** Kearsley, Lancs

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

**Additional Inf.**    Son of Squire & Emily Halkyard, 28 Stafford Cottages.

**Commemorative Information**

**Cemetery:** ECOIVRES MILITARY CEMETERY, MONT-ST. ELOI, Pas de Calais, France  
**Grave Reference/** I. L. 7.  
**Panel Number:**  
**Location:** Mont St Eloi is a village in the Department of the Pas-de-Calais, 8 kilometres north-west of Arras. Ecoivres is a hamlet lying at the foot of the hill, to the south-west and about 1.5 kilometres from Mont St Eloi. The Cemetery is on the D49 road.

**Historical Information:** This cemetery is really the Extension of the Communal Cemetery, were the French Army had buried over 1,000 men. The 46th (North Midland) Division took over the Extension with this part of the line in March, 1916, and their graves are in Rows A to F of Plot I. Successive Divisions used the French Military tramway to bring their dead in from the front trenches, and from the first row to the last buried them almost exactly in the order of date of death. The attack of the 25th Division on Vimy Ridge in May, 1916, is recalled in Plots I and II. The 47th (London) Division burials (July to October, 1916) are in Plot III, Rows A to H; and Canadian graves are an overwhelming majority in the rest of the cemetery, Plots V and VI containing the graves of men who fell in the capture of Vimy Ridge (April, 1917). Near the entrance of the Communal Cemetery the 29th Canadian Infantry Battalion erected a memorial cross to 85 of their officers and men. There are now nearly 2,000, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. The cemetery covers an area of 8,374 square metres.