

In Memory Of

WILLIAM HESSNER

**Corporal 706435
33rd Bde., Royal Field Artillery
who died on Saturday, 11th August 1917.**

Born Manchester **Enlisted** Manchester **Residence**
Died How Died of wounds **Theatre of War** France & Flanders
Additional Inf. Son of Mr. W. Hessner, of 246, Bush Lane, Dukinfield, Cheshire.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: ADINKERKE MILITARY CEMETERY, FURNES, De Panne, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**Grave Reference/
Panel Number:** C. 9.

Location: Adinkerke Military Cemetery is located 6 km west of Veurne, 3 km inland from the coastal town of Koksijde and 20 km east of Dunkirk. From Veurne the N39 Duinkerkestraat leads for 6 km to the village of Adinkerke. On reaching the village of Adinkerke the cemetery is located on the first left hand turning onto the Kromfortstraat, on the left hand side of the road.

Historical Information: From June to November, 1917 the British XV Corps held the front from the sea to St. Georges; the 24th and 39th Casualty Clearing Stations were posted at Oosthoek (between Adinkerke and Furnes) from July to November, and the 1st Canadian Casualty Clearing Station at Adinkerke for a short time in June. Adinkerke Military Cemetery was used during the presence of the XV Corps in the area, and at intervals until 1919; a French extension to the West was made in 1918, but the 104 French graves have been removed. The majority of the Second World War graves relate to the retreat to Dunkirk of May 1940. There are now over 150, 1914-18 and over 50, 1939-45 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, a small number from the 1939-45 War are unidentified and two British soldiers are commemorated by special memorials bearing the inscription "Buried near this spot". The Cemetery covers an area of 1,144 square metres and is enclosed by a low rubble wall.