

*In Memory Of*

**WILLIAM HILL**

Private 352573  
2<sup>nd</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup> Bn., Manchester Regiment  
who died on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> October 1917.

**Born** Hyde, Cheshire    **Enlisted** Hyde, Cheshire    **Residence**  
**Died How** Killed in action    **Theatre of War** France & Flanders  
**Additional Inf.** Son of Mrs. Clara Hill, of 21, Mottram Old Road, Gee Cross, Hyde.

**Commemorative Information**

**Cemetery:** TYNE COT CEMETERY, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium  
**Grave Reference/  
Panel Number:** XLIV. D. 18.  
**Location:** Tyne Cot Cemetery is located 9 kilometres north east of Ieper town centre, on the Tynecotstraat, a road leading from the Zonnebeekseweg (N332).

**Historical Information:** "Tyne Cot" or "Tyne Cottage" was the name given by the Army to a barn which stood 46 metres West of the level crossing on the Passchendaele-Broodseinde road. The barn, which had become the centre of five or six "pill-boxes", was captured by the 2nd Australian Division on the 4th October, 1917, in the advance on Passchendaele. One of these "pill-boxes" was unusually large, and it was used, after its capture, as an Advanced Dressing Station. From the 6th October to the end of March, 343 graves were made, on two sides of it, by the 50th (Northumbrian) and 33rd Divisions and by two Canadian units. From the 13th April to the 28th September it was in enemy hands again, and then it was recaptured, with Passchendaele, by the Belgian Army. The cemetery was enlarged after the Armistice by the concentration of graves from the battlefields of Passchendaele and Langemarck and from a few small burial grounds. It is now the largest Commonwealth War Cemetery in the world. There are now nearly 12,000, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, over 8,000 are unidentified and special memorials are erected to 38 soldiers from the United Kingdom, 27 from Canada, 15 from Australia and one from New Zealand, known or believed to be buried among them. Other special memorials record the names of 16 soldiers from the United Kingdom and four from Canada, buried in other cemeteries, whose graves were destroyed by shell fire. The cemetery covers an area of 34,941 square metres and is enclosed by a low flint wall. The Cross of Sacrifice is placed on the original large "pill-box". There are four other "pill-boxes" in the cemetery. The Eastern plots are laid out in the form of a fan, with paths radiating to the Cross; and a high flint wall, 152 metres long, follows their outline on the Eastern edge of the cemetery. This wall carries the names of nearly 35,000 soldiers from the United Kingdom and New Zealand who fell in the Ypres Salient in 1917-18 and whose graves are not known.