In Memory Of

GAYLARD JOHNSON

Private 24123
17TH Bn., Royal Welsh Fusiliers
who died on Tuesday, 7th May 1918

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

Died How Died of wounds **Theatre of War** France & Flanders

Additional Inf. Son of Arthur & Emily Johnson, 24 Shepley St. Hyde.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery:	DOULLENS COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION No.2, Somme, France
Grave Reference/ Panel Number:	II. A. 17.
Location:	Doullens is a town in the Department of the Somme, approximately 30 kilometres north of Amiens on the N25 road to Arras. The Communal Cemetery and Extensions lie on the eastern side of the town, about 270 metres south-east of the road to Arras.
Historical Information:	Doullens was Marshal Foch's Headquarters early in the War, and the scene of the Conference in March, 1918, after which he assumed command of the Allied armies on the Western front. From the summer of 1915 to March, 1916, it was a junction between the French Tenth Army on the Arras front and the British Third Army on the Somme. The Citadelle, overlooking the town from the South, was a French military hospital, and the railhead was used by both Armies. In March, 1916, the Arras front became British, and the 19th Casualty Clearing Station came to Doullens, followed by the 41st, the 35th and the 11th. By the end of 1916 these had given place to the 3rd Canadian Stationary Hospital and the 2/1st Northumbrian Casualty Clearing Station, the former of which remained in the town until June, 1918. From February, 1916, to April, 1918, the British medical units continued to bury in the French Extension (No.1) of the Communal Cemetery. In March and April, 1918 the German advance and the desperate fighting on this front threw a severe strain on the Canadian Stationary Hospital; the Extension was filled, and a new ground was occupied (Extension No. 2) on the opposite side of the Communal Cemetery. There are now over 350, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site.