

In Memory Of

**WILLIAM JOHNSON**

Private 24343  
2<sup>nd</sup> Bn., Royal Welsh Fusiliers  
who died on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> July 1916



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

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

**Additional Inf.** Husband of M. Johnston, of 22, John Shepley Street, Hyde, Ches.

**Commemorative Information**

- Cemetery:** GORRE BRITISH AND INDIAN CEMETERY, Pas de Calais, France  
**Grave Reference/  
Panel Number:** II. A. 16.
- Location:** Gorre is a hamlet 2.5 kilometres east of Beuvry. Leave Beuvry on the D72, crossing the railway and then the Canal d'Aire on the way. The Cemetery is 150 metres from the church in Gorre, to the left of the D72.
- Historical Information:** The Chateau was occupied early in the War by British and Indian troops; and the Cemeteries, in the South-East corner of the Chateau grounds, were begun in the autumn of 1914. The Indian Cemetery was closed in October, 1915, with the transfer of the Indian Corps to the East. The British Cemetery was used by units holding the sector until April, 1918, when, in the Battles of the Lys, Gorre became a support post close behind the front line. The ground was never taken by the enemy. The 55th (West Lancashire) Division, which held this front before and during the German attack, buried many of their dead in Plots V and VI. There are now over 900, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, in the British section, nearly 20 are unidentified and, four destroyed by shell fire, are represented by special memorials. Twenty-six were brought in after the Armistice, from isolated positions East and North-East of Gorre. In the Indian section, nearly 20 are unidentified. Ten were reburied in the cemetery, after the Armistice, from Mesplaux Farm, near Locon, and four from other places. The cemetery covers an area of 6,334 square metres and is partly enclosed by a low rubble wall.