

*In Memory Of*

**JOE LOMAS**

**Private 16081  
1<sup>st</sup> Bn., Devonshire Regiment  
who died on Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> October 1918. Age 38**

**Born** Broadbottom, Ches.    **Enlisted** Hyde, Cheshire    **Residence**

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

**Additional Inf.** Son of Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Lomas, of 12, Victoria Street,  
Newton, Hyde; husband of Martha E. Lomas of 1, Lawton Street,  
Newton, Hyde, Cheshire.

**Commemorative Information**

**Cemetery:** BETHENCOURT COMMUNAL CEMETERY, Nord, France  
**Grave Reference/  
Panel Number:** B. 14.

**Location:** Bethencourt is a village and commune in the Department of the Nord, a little north to Le Cateau. The Commonwealth Graves are in the north-east of the Communal Cemetery off the road from Caudry to Solesmes.

**Historical Information:** A German hospital was posted in the village of Bethencourt in August and September, 1914. There are now over 80, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, a small number are unidentified and nine graves which cannot now be traced, are represented by special memorials. The plot covers an area of 326 square metres.