In Memory Of

PERCY MARLAND

Corporal 33001
9th Bn., Royal Welsh Fusiliers
who died on Friday, 14th June 1918. Age 21

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

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

Additional Inf. Son of Mrs.Ann Jennings (formerly Marland) of 5, Shepley St, Hyde, Cheshire.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: SOISSONS MEMORIAL, Aisne, France

Location: The town of Soissons stands on the left bank of the River Aisne, approximately 100 kilometres north-east of Paris. The Soissons Memorial, which will be found in the public square, commemorates nearly 4,000 war dead from the 1914-1918 War who have no known grave. Its particular reference is to the Battles of the Aisne and Marne, 1918, in which comparatively small bodies of British troops played a conspicuous part in defeat and in victory. The memorial consists of a cenotaph before which stands the figures of three soldiers. Behind the memorial is a three-sided wall bearing the names of those officers and men who fell in this theatre of war and who have no known grave. The memorial register is kept at the Mairie where it may be consulted.

Historical Information: The British Memorial at Soissons is one of the monuments erected by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission to record the names of those officers and men who fell in the 1914-18 War and whose graves are not known. Its particular reference is to the Battles of the Aisne and the Marne, 1918, in which comparatively small bodies of British troops played a conspicuous part in defeat and in victory. The original British Expeditionary Force crossed the Aisne in August 1914 a few kilometres West of Soissons, and re-crossed it in September a few kilometres East. The city remained for three and a half years within the range of German artillery, and more than once comparatively slight movements of the French and German front lines on the Aisne were purchased by weeks of desperate fighting and intense bombardment. From the end of May 1918 to the beginning of the following August Soissons was again in German hands, and it is to the British losses of that period that the Memorial relates. There are now nearly 4,000, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated on this memorial.