

In Memory Of

EDMUND MOORE MASSEY

Private 307353
2nd / 8th Bn., Lancashire Fusiliers
who died on Thursday, 21st March 1918. Age 25

Born Manchester **Enlisted** Hyde, Ches. **Residence**
Died How Killed in action **Theatre of War** France & Flanders
Additional Inf. 12, Milk Street, Hyde.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: POZIERES MEMORIAL, Somme, France
**Grave Reference/
Panel Number:** Panel 32 to 34

Location: Pozieres is a village some 6 kilometres north-east of the town of Albert. The Memorial encloses Pozieres British Cemetery which is a little south-west of the village on the north side of the main road, D929, from Albert to Pozieres. On the road frontage is an open arcade terminated by small buildings and broken in the middle by the entrance and gates. Along the sides and the back, stone tablets are fixed in the stone rubble walls bearing the names of the dead grouped under their Regiments. It should be added that, although the memorial stands in a cemetery of largely Australian graves, it does not bear any Australian names. The Australian soldiers who fell in France and whose graves are not known are commemorated on the National Memorial at Villers-Bretonneux.

Historical Information: The Memorial relates to the period of crisis in March and April 1918 when the Fifth Army was driven back by overwhelming numbers across the former Somme battlefields, and to the succeeding period of four months during which there was built up, behind the new front, of the army, which on the 8 August 1918 began the Advance to Victory. The Memorial commemorates over 14,000 casualties of the United Kingdom and 300 of the South African Forces who have no known grave and who fell in France during the Fifth Army area retreat on the Somme from 21 March to 7 August 1918. The Corps and Regiments most largely represented are The Rifle Brigade with over 600 names, The Durham Light Infantry with approximately 600 names, the Machine Gun Corps with over 500, The Manchester Regiment with approximately 500 and The Royal Horse and Royal Field Artillery with over 400 names.