

In Memory Of

JOE MATTOCKS

Private 21043
6th Bn., York and Lancaster Regiment
who died on Thursday, 28th September 1916.



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

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

Additional Inf. FORMERLY 19167, YORKSHIRE LIGHT INFANTRY.
41, John Street, Hyde.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: REGINA TRENCH CEMETERY, GRANDCOURT, Somme, France
Grave Reference/ VIII. J. 3.
Panel Number:
Location:

Although Regina Trench Cemetery is in the commune of Grandcourt, it is not possible to gain access to the cemetery from Grandcourt. Visitors should approach the cemetery from the direction of Courcelette, which is a village about 8 kilometres north-east of Albert (next to the main road D929 Albert-Bapaume). The cemetery lies about 1.5 kilometres north-west of the village of Courcelette (signposted in the centre of Courcelette) and will be found 1.5 kilometres down a single track lane (not suitable for cars).

Historical Information: Grandcourt village was reached by part of the 36th (Ulster) Division on the 1st July, 1916, and occupied without fighting by patrols of the Howe Battalion early in February, 1917. To the South-East of it is Courcelette, taken by the 2nd Canadian Division on the 15th September, 1916. Regina Trench was a German work, captured for a time by the 5th Canadian Brigade on the 1st October, 1916; attacked again by the 1st and 3rd Canadian Divisions on the 8th October; taken in part by the 18th and 4th Canadian Divisions on the 21st October; and finally cleared by the 4th Canadian Division on the 11th November, 1916. The original part of the cemetery (now Plot II, Rows A to D) was made in the winter of 1916-1917. The cemetery was completed after the Armistice by the concentration of graves from the battlefields of Courcelette, Grandcourt and Miraumont. The dates of death are, for the great majority, October, 1916, to February, 1917. There are now over 2,000, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, over half are unidentified and special memorials are erected to thirteen soldiers from the United Kingdom and one from Canada, believed to be buried among them. The cemetery covers an area of 6,846 square metres. Two considerable groups of scattered graves, classed as cemeteries, were concentrated to Regina Trench Cemetery:- COURCELETTE ROAD CEMETERY, MIRAUMONT, was on the West side of West Miraumont Road, between Courcelette and Miraumont; and in it were buried soldiers from Canada and from the United Kingdom, who fell in September-November, 1916. MIRAUMONT BRITISH CEMETERY, on the East side of the same road, contained the graves of soldiers from Canada and from the United Kingdom, who fell in September-December, 1916.