

In Memory Of

JAMES McDONALD

Lance Corporal D/12944
3rd Dragoon Guards (Prince of Wales' Own)
who died on Thursday, 4th April 1918.

Born Liverpool Enlisted Pontefract Residence Middleton, Yorks.

Died How Killed in action Theatre of War France & Flanders

Additional Inf. CROIX de GUERRE (Belgium) Husband of Mrs McDonald, 2 Hall St. Spring Vale, Middleton. Sister, 9 Bottom St. Newton. Brother, 26 Charles St. Hyde.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: ADELAIDE CEMETERY, VILLERS-BRETONNEUX, Somme, France
**Grave Reference/
Panel Number:** II. N. 24.
Location: Villers-Bretonneux is a town 16 kilometres east of Amiens and the Cemetery is situated west of the village on the north side of the main road from Amiens to St. Quentin.

**Historical
Information:** The town became famous in 1918, when the German advance on Amiens ended (on 24th April) in the capture of Villers-Bretonneux by German tanks and infantry. On the following night the 4th Australian and 5th Australian Divisions, with units of the 8th and 18th (British) Divisions carried out "an enterprise of great daring" and recaptured the whole of the village. The Cemetery was begun early in June, 1918, and used by the 2nd Australian and 3rd Australian Divisions, acquiring its present name in July. By the middle of August it was a cemetery of 90 graves (the greater part of the present Plot I, Rows A to E), and then the British advance, begun on the 8th August, put an end to its use. After the Armistice, however, a large number of graves were brought into the cemetery from small graveyards and isolated positions on the North, West and South of Villers-Bretonneux. They were, without exception, those of men who fell in the months from March to September, 1918. Plot I was filled; Plot II was made, almost entirely with British graves, and Plot III almost entirely with Australian. There are now nearly 1,000, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, over 250 are unidentified and 4 Australian soldiers, known, or believed to be buried among the graves, are commemorated on special headstones.