

In Memory Of

ARTHUR MORGAN

Private 12138
9th Bn., Cheshire Regiment
who died on Wednesday, 15th September 1915. Age 21



Born Newton, Cheshire Enlisted Hyde, Cheshire Residence

Died How Killed in action Theatre of War France & Flanders

Additional Inf. Son of James Morgan, of 46, Hoviley Brow, Hyde, Cheshire

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: BROWN'S ROAD MILITARY CEMETERY, FESTUBERT, Pas de Calais, France

**Grave Reference/
Panel Number:** I. B. 2.

Location: Festubert is a village 8 kilometres east-north-east of Bethune. From the church in Festubert, take the D166 signposted Cuinchy. After 300 metres turn right. Brown's Road Military Cemetery will be found a further 300 metres along this road on the right hand side.

Historical Information: Festubert has given its name to the Battle Honours of many Regiments. It was occupied by British forces in October, 1914. On the 23rd-24th November, 1914, the Indian Corps, in the Defence of Festubert, repulsed a German attack. The Battle of Festubert (15th-25th May, 1915) resulted in a short advance which rendered the village somewhat less exposed than it had been; and thenceforward until the 9th April, 1918, this sector was quiet. On that day the Battles of the Lys began. The village of Festubert was held by the 55th (West Lancashire) Division against the German assault, and successive attacks lasting through the month were repelled by the 1st and other Divisions. It remained a British outpost until the final advance of our forces began in September, 1918. The Village was later "adopted" by the town of Southport. The cemetery was begun in October, 1914, and carried on by fighting units and Field Ambulances until November, 1917, when it contained 299 graves. It was greatly enlarged after the Armistice by the concentration of small cemeteries and isolated graves (chiefly of 1914-15 and 1918) from the surrounding battlefields. There are now over 1,000, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, just over 400 are unidentified and memorials are erected to three soldiers from the United Kingdom believed to be buried among them. The cemetery covers, with its approaches, an area of 4,257 square metres and is bounded by a rubble wall.