

In Memory Of

WILLIAM MORRIS MM

Corporal 18006
1st Bn. King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment
who died on Friday, 4th January 1918. Age 27

Born Denton **Enlisted** Ashton-u-Lyne **Residence**
Died How Killed in action **Theatre of War** France & Flanders
Additional Inf. AWARDED MM. Husband of Ethel Morris, of 5, Green St. Hyde.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: MONCHY BRITISH CEMETERY, MONCHY-LE-PREUX, Pas de Calais, France
Grave Reference: II.B. 11.
Panel Number:
Location: Monchy-le-Preux is a village in the department of the Pas-de-Calais on the north side of the main road from Arras to Cambrai (D33). Monchy British Cemetery is nearly 2 kilometres west of the village down a 1 kilometre track.

Historical Information: Monchy village, a relatively high and commanding position, was captured on the 11th April, 1917, in the First Battle of the Scarpe; and the 37th Division Memorial stands in the village to record the event. The cemetery was begun at once, and continued in use as a "front-line cemetery" until the German offensive of March, 1918, when it fell into enemy hands. It was recaptured by the Canadian Corps on the 26th August, and used again for a month. The graves are very closely identified with the Divisions which fought on this front. There are now over 550, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, over 30 are unidentified and two special memorials are erected to men known to be buried among these graves. Twenty-four German prisoners were buried in the Cemetery, but their graves have been removed. The Cemetery covers an area of 2,590 square metres.