

In Memory Of

J. ALFRED MOTTERSHEAD

Private 10216
2nd Bn., Royal Welsh Fusiliers
who died on Sunday, 14th February 1915. Age 26



Born St. Thomas, Hyde, Ches. **Enlisted** Hyde, Cheshire **Residence**

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

Additional Inf. Mother : Kingston Brow, Hyde.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: GUARDS CEMETERY, WINDY CORNER, CUINCHY, Pas de Calais, France
**Grave Reference/
Panel Number:** I. F. I.
Location: Cuinchy is a village about 7 kms east of the town of Bethune and north of the N41 which runs between Bethune and La Bassee. About 1 km north-west of the village are cross roads known as Windy Corner, and Guards Cemetery is a little west of these cross roads.

Historical Information: A little west of Windy Corner was a house used as Battalion Headquarters and Dressing Station. The cemetery grew up beside this house. The original cemetery is now Plots I and II and Rows A to S of Plot III. It was begun by the 2nd Division in January, 1915, and used extensively by the 4th (Guards) Brigade in and after February. It was closed at the end of May, 1916, when it contained 681 graves. After the Armistice it was increased by the concentration of 2,720 graves from the neighbouring battlefields and small cemeteries, and in particular from the battlefields of Neuve-Chapelle, the Aubers Ridge and Festubert. There are now nearly 3,500, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, over 2,000 are unidentified and special memorials are erected to 36 soldiers from the United Kingdom known or believed to be buried among them.