

*In Memory Of*

**WILLIAM NIGHTINGALE**

**Private 18852  
10<sup>th</sup> Btn., Cheshire Regiment  
who died on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> July 1917**

**Born** Hadfield, Derbys

**Enlisted** Hyde

**Died How** Killed in action

**Theatre of War** France & Flanders

**Additional Inf.** .

**Commemorative Information**

- Cemetery:** RENINGHELST NEW MILITARY CEMETERY, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium  
**Grave Reference/  
Panel Number:** III. D. 12.
- Location:** Reningelst New Military Cemetery is located 9.5 Km south west of Ieper town centre, in the village of Reningelst, on a road leading from the N308 Poperingseweg. From Ieper town centre the Poperingseweg (N308), is reached via Elverdingsestraat then directly over two small roundabouts in the J. Capronstraat. The Poperingseweg is a continuation of the J. Capronstraat and begins after a prominent railway level crossing. On reaching the main crossroads in the village of Vlamertinge take the left hand turning onto the Bellestraat. After crossing the N38 Ieper Poperinge road, the village of Reningelst lies 6 Km beyond Vlamertinge. On reaching the village, turn right onto the Zevekotestraat and continue to the Reningelstplein where the churchyard is clearly visible. The Baljuwstraat leads from the Reningelstplein and the cemetery is 500 metres along this road on the left hand side. Visitors to this site should note a short grassed access path to this site which is unsuitable for vehicles.
- Historical Information:** Reninghelst (now Reningelst) village was in British occupation from the late autumn of 1914 to the end of the war, and it was sufficiently far from the front line to provide a suitable station for Field Ambulances. The earliest burials took place in the Churchyard; but in November, 1915, the New Military Cemetery was opened, 140 metres West of the road to Poperinghe, on the Northern slope of the valley. It remained in use until September, 1918, and was gradually extended to the South-West. There are now nearly 800, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. A wooden memorial was erected by the 31st Canadian Battalion to 43 of their men killed in action in June, 1916, in the Battle of Mount Sorrel. The Cemetery covers an area of 3,846 square metres and is enclosed by a low stone wall.