

In Memory Of

**FRED OLDFIELD**

**Second Lieutenant  
9<sup>th</sup> Bn., Prince of Wales (North Staffs Regiment)  
who died on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> June 1917. Age 22**



**Born**

**Enlisted**

**Died How** Killed in action

**Theatre of War**

**Additional Inf.** Son of Louise and the late Alfred Oldfield, 16 Newton Street, Hyde.

**Commemorative Information**

**Cemetery:**

**Grave Reference/  
Panel Number:**

**Location:**

KEMMEL CHATEAU MILITARY CEMETERY, Heuvelland, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium  
L. 12.

Kemmel Chateau Military Cemetery is located 8 kilometres south of Ieper on a road leading from the Kemmelseweg (N331), connecting Ieper to Kemmel. From Ieper town centre the Kemmelseweg is reached via the Rijselsestraat, through the Lille Gate (Rijselpoort) and straight on towards Armentieres (N336). 900 metres after the crossroads is the right hand turning onto the Kemmelseweg (made prominent by a railway level crossing). On reaching the village of Kemmel the first right hand turning leads onto the Reningelststraat. 600 metres along the Reningelststraat lies the right hand turning onto Nieuwstraat. 500 metres along the Nieuwstraat on the right hand side of the road lies the cemetery.

**Historical Information:**

On the other side of the village of Kemmel is Mont Kemmel, the eastern-most of a range of low hills running between Bailleul and Poperinghe. The village and hill were the scene of fierce fighting in the latter half of April, 1918, in which both British and French Forces were engaged. The cemetery was begun in December, 1914, and used until March, 1918, by the Divisions fighting on the Southern sectors of the Belgian front. It fell into enemy hands in April, and was recaptured later in the year: in the interval it was severely shelled, and the old Chateau was destroyed. There are now over 1,000, 1914-18 and a small number 1939-45 war casualties commemorated in this site. The cemetery covers an area of 5,506 square metres and is enclosed by a brick wall.