

In Memory Of

SAMUEL B PARKES

**Private 30006
15th Bn., Cheshire Regiment
who died on Friday, 29th March 1918**



Born Blackburn, Lancs

Enlisted Hyde, Cheshire

Died How Killed in action

Theatre of War France & Flanders

Additional Inf. 12, Bank Street, Hyde.

Commemorative Information

Memorial:
Grave Reference/
Panel Number:
Location:

POZIERES MEMORIAL, Somme, France
Panel 35 and 36.

Pozieres is a village some 6 kilometres north-east of the town of Albert. The Memorial encloses Pozieres British Cemetery which is a little south-west of the village on the north side of the main road, D929, from Albert to Pozieres. On the road frontage is an open arcade terminated by small buildings and broken in the middle by the entrance and gates. Along the sides and the back, stone tablets are fixed in the stone rubble walls bearing the names of the dead grouped under their Regiments. It should be added that, although the memorial stands in a cemetery of largely Australian graves, it does not bear any Australian names. The Australian soldiers who fell in France and whose graves are not known are commemorated on the National Memorial at Villers-Bretonneux.

Historical Information:

The Memorial relates to the period of crisis in March and April 1918 when the Fifth Army was driven back by overwhelming numbers across the former Somme battlefields, and to the succeeding period of four months during which there was built up, behind the new front, of the army, which on the 8 August 1918 began the Advance to Victory. The Memorial commemorates over 14,000 casualties of the United Kingdom and 300 of the South African Forces who have no known grave and who fell in France during the Fifth Army area retreat on the Somme from 21 March to 7 August 1918. The Corps and Regiments most largely represented are The Rifle Brigade with over 600 names, The Durham Light Infantry with approximately 600 names, the Machine Gun Corps with over 500, The Manchester Regiment with approximately 500 and The Royal Horse and Royal Field Artillery with over 400 names.