

In Memory Of

**WILLIAM POULSTON**

**Lance Corporal 351011**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Bn., Manchester Regiment**  
**who died on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> August 1918.**

**Born** Enlisted Ashton-u-Lyne **Residence** Newton, Cheshire

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

**Additional Inf.** Son of Mrs Annie Poulston, 3 Halls Yard.

**Commemorative Information**

**Cemetery:** HEATH CEMETERY, HARBONNIERES, Somme, France  
**Grave Reference/  
Panel Number:** V. G. 1.  
**Location:** Heath Cemetery is situated on the south side of the straight main road from Amiens to St Quentin - the N29, approximately 13 kilometres from Villers-Bretonneux. CWGC signposts will be seen directing visitors to the cemetery.

**Historical Information:** Harbonnieres was captured by French troops in the summer of 1916. It was taken by the Germans on the 27th April, 1918, and regained by the Australian Corps on the 8th August, 1918. Heath Cemetery, so called from the wide expanse of open country on which it stands, was made after the Armistice, on the East side of a French Military Cemetery (now removed), which was begun in August, 1914, and contained 431 French and 1,063 German graves. War casualties from the battlefields between Bray and Harbonnieres and from other burial grounds were concentrated into this site. The earliest date of death is in September, 1915, the latest in October, 1918; the majority fell in March or August, 1918. There are now nearly 2,000, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, nearly 400 are unidentified and special memorials are erected to 24 Australian soldiers and two from the United Kingdom, known or believed to be buried among them. Other special memorials record the names of 19 soldiers from the United Kingdom and two from Australia, buried in other cemeteries, whose graves could not be found. Certain graves in Plots VIII and X, identified as a whole but not individually, are marked by headstones bearing the additional words: "Buried near this spot". The cemetery covers an area of 5,534 square metres and is enclosed by a low red brick wall.