

In Memory Of

PHILIP PRESTON

Serjeant 17199
20th Bn., Manchester Regiment
who died on Saturday, 1st July 1916
Age 30



Born Bolton Enlisted Manchester Residence Hyde, C

Died How Killed in action Theatre of War France & Flanders

Additional Inf. Glass House Fold, Hyde.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: DANTZIG ALLEY BRITISH CEMETERY, MAMETZ, Somme, France
**Grave Reference/
Panel Number:** III. F. 7.

Location: Mametz is a village about 8 kilometres east of the town of Albert. The Cemetery is a little east of the village on the north side of the road, D64, to Montauban.

Historical Information: Dantzig Alley British Cemetery was named from a German trench. Mametz was carried by the 7th Division on the 1st July, 1916, after very hard fighting at Dantzig Alley and other points. The cemetery was begun later in the same month; it was used by Field Ambulances and fighting units until the following November. The ground was lost in March, 1918, and regained in August, and a few graves were added in August and September, 1918. The cemetery consisted, at the Armistice, of 183 graves, now in Plot I; but it was then very greatly increased by the concentration of graves (almost all of 1916) from certain smaller burial grounds and from the battlefields North and East of Mametz. There are now 2,053 Commonwealth burials of the 1914-18 war commemorated in this site. Of these, 518 are unidentified and special memorials are erected to 17 soldiers from the United Kingdom, known or believed to be buried among them. Other special memorials record the names of 70 soldiers from the United Kingdom and one from New Zealand, buried in other cemeteries, whose graves were destroyed by shell fire. Five French and seven German graves have been removed to other cemeteries. The cemetery covers an area of 5,722 square metres and is enclosed by a brick wall.