

In Memory Of

**ROBERT PRITCHARD**



Serjeant 52276  
9<sup>th</sup> Bn., Cheshire Regt. (Formerly 7978 Northumberland Fusiliers)  
who died on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> September 1916. Age 33

**Born** Hyde, Cheshire

**Enlisted** Hyde, Cheshire

**Died How** Killed in action

**Theatre of War** France & Flanders

**Additional Inf.** Son of Mr & Mrs. Pritchard, 15 Beeley Street, Hyde; husband of H.L.Carson (formerly Pritchard), 2a Union Street, Hyde, Cheshire

**Commemorative Information**

**Memorial:**  
**Grave Reference/  
Panel Number:**

PLOEGSTEERT MEMORIAL, Comines-Warneton, Hainaut, Belgium  
Panel 4 and 5

**Location:**

The Ploegsteert Memorial stands in Berks Cemetery Extension, which is located 12.5 kilometres south of Ieper town centre, on the N365 leading from Ieper to Mesen (Messines), Ploegsteert and on to Armentieres. From Ieper town centre the Rijselsestraat runs from the market square, through the Lille Gate (Rijselpoort) and directly over the crossroads with the Ieper ring road. The road name then changes to the Rijselseweg (N336). 3.5 kilometres along the N336 lies a fork junction with the N365. The N365, which forms the right hand fork, leads to the town of Mesen. The Cemetery lies 3 kilometres beyond Mesen on the right hand side of the N365, and opposite Hyde Park Corner Royal Berks Cemetery. The Memorial now commemorates 11368 men who have no known grave. They fought throughout the War on Belgian soil beside French troops, and died in France or Belgium when the frontier was of little interest in this area in which trench warfare lasted longest. The Memorial is a covered circular colonnade, 20 metres across and 11 metres high, enclosing an open space, and is entered by an opening between two stone lions. The names of the dead are carved on panels set in the walls of the colonnade. They belonged to thirty-six different Divisions and to a hundred Regiments; of these Regiments the Rifle Brigade with 559 names, the Northumberland Fusiliers with 535 and the Durham Light Infantry with 444 are the most heavily represented..