

In Memory Of

**JOHN JAMES RILEY**

Private 19997  
1<sup>0th</sup> Bn., Army Cyclist Corps attd. 1<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> Bn., London Regiment  
who died on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> July 1917

**Born** Hyde, Cheshire

**Enlisted** Hyde, Cheshire

**Died How** Killed in action

**Theatre of War** France & Flanders

**Additional Inf.** FORMERLY 387, WELSH DIV. CYCLIST COY.  
81, Nelson Street, Hyde.

**Commemorative Information**

**Cemetery:** OAK DUMP CEMETERY, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium  
**Grave Reference/  
Panel Number:** H. 5.  
**Location:**

Oak Dump Cemetery is located 5 Km south of Ieper town centre, on the Bernikkewallestraat a road leading from the Rijselsesweg (N365) connecting Ieper to Armentieres. From Ieper town centre the Rijselseweg is located via the Rijselsestraat, through the Rijselpoort (Lille Gate) and by crossing the Ieper ring road, towards Armentieres and Lille. The road name then changes to Rijselseweg. 3 Km along the Rijselseweg lies the left hand turning onto the Vaartstraat. 1 Km along the Vaartstraat lies the first right hand turning onto the Bernikkewallestraat. The cemetery itself lies 1 Km along the Bernikkewallestraat on the right hand side of the road.

**Historical Information:** In March 1918 a sap opposite the cemetery was blown in, and seven men of the 180th Siege Battery were killed in it. Their bodies were found in 1927 and buried in the cemetery. There are now over 100, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. The cemetery covers an area of 1,200 square metres.