

In Memory Of

JAMES THOMAS ROBBINS

**Corporal 18017
20th Bn., Manchester Regiment (D.Coy)
who died on Monday, 3rd July 1916. Age 30**

Born Woodley, Stockport. **Enlisted** Manchester **Residence** Hyde

Died How Died of wounds **Theatre of War** France & Flanders

Additional Inf. Husband of Lucy Jane Robbins, 43, Great Norbury St. Hyde.

Commemorative Information

- Cemetery:** HEILLY STATION CEMETERY, MERICOURT-L'ABBE, Somme, France
**Grave Reference/
Panel Number:** I. B. 26.
Location: Mericourt-l'Abbe is a village approximately 19 kilometres north-east of Amiens and 10 kilometres south-west of Albert. Heilly Station Cemetery is about 2 kilometres south-west of Mericourt-l'Abbe, on the south side of the road to Corbie.
- Historical Information:** The 36th Casualty Clearing Station was at Heilly from the 1st April, 1916, to April, 1917. It was joined in May by the 38th Casualty Clearing Station, and in July by the 2/2nd London. The last hospital left Heilly in June, 1917, but the 20th Casualty Clearing Station was there in August and September, 1918. The cemetery was begun in May, 1916, and was used by the three medical units until April, 1917. From March to May, 1918, it was used by Australian units, and in the early autumn for further hospital burials. The last British grave was made in May, 1919. A small German Plot, near the North-West corner, containing 13 graves of 1918-19, was removed after the Armistice. There are now 3,000, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, a small number are unidentified and special memorials are erected to fifteen soldiers from the United Kingdom, four from New Zealand and two from Australia, whose graves could not be exactly located. The regimental badges, numbering 117, are carved on a cloister wall on the North side. The cemetery covers an area of 6,210 square metres and is enclosed on three sides by a red brick wall.