

In Memory Of

HERBERT ROBINSON MM

**Gunner 44285
291st Siege Bty., Royal Garrison Artillery
who died on Tuesday, 16th April 1918**



Born Newton, Cheshire

Enlisted Hyde, Cheshire

Died How Died

Theatre of War France & Flanders

Additional Inf. Awarded MM Husband of Mrs. Robinson of
4, Randal Street, Hyde.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: BEACON CEMETERY, SAILLY-LAURETTE, Somme, France
**Grave Reference/
Panel Number:** IV. G. 17.
Location:

Sailly-Laurette is a village 19 kilometres east of Amiens and 9 kilometres south-west of Albert. Enter Bray-sur-Somme via Albert on the D329 and carry straight on into the village. Turn right in the direction of Corbie-Amiens, on the D1 heading west. Leave Bray-sur-Somme on the D1 and carry on for 7.3 kilometres. Beacon Cemetery is half a kilometre after the junction with Morlancourt-Sailly Laurette, on the left hand side of the D1 in the direction of Amiens-Corbie. There are no CWGC signposts.

Historical Information:

The first fighting in this part of the Somme took place on the 26th-27th March, 1918, when the Third Army withdrew to a line between Albert and Sailly-le-Sec. This line was held until the 4th July, when it was advanced nearly to Sailly-Laurette; and on the 8th August, the first day of the Battle of Amiens, Sailly-Laurette and the road to Morlancourt were disengaged. The original cemetery was made by the 18th Division Burial Officer on the 15th August. The 12th (Eastern), 18th and 58th (London) Divisions had attacked from the Ancre to the Somme, and the Australian Corps beyond the Somme; and the original cemetery (now Plot III, Rows C, E, G and I) contained the graves of 109 soldiers, chiefly from the 12th Division. It was greatly increased after the Armistice by the concentration of graves from the battlefields and small burial grounds on all sides of it. There are now over 750, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, over 250 are unidentified and four special memorials record the names of soldiers from the United Kingdom, known or believed to be buried among them. The cemetery now covers an area of 2,562 square metres and is enclosed by a red brick wall. The 25th Australian Battalion memorial to their men who fell on the 10th June, 1918, in an attack in this neighbourhood, was re-erected in the cemetery. The more important cemeteries concentrated to this site were the following:- CROYDON CEMETERY, GLISY, on the South side of the Amiens-Villers Bretonneux road and a little West of the Glisy-St. Nicolas road. It contained the graves of fourteen soldiers from the United Kingdom and thirteen from Australia, who fell in May-August, 1918. SUSSEX CEMETERY, SAILLY-LAURETTE, just under 1 kilometre East-South-East of Beacon Cemetery. It was made by the 12th Division Burial Officer on the 16th-21st August, and it contained the graves of 43 soldiers from the United Kingdom (largely of the 7th Royal Sussex) and one from Australia, all of whom fell on the 8th August. TAILLE WOOD CEMETERY, ETINEHEM, on the South side of the Corbie-Bray road where it passes through the wood. It contained the graves of sixteen soldiers from Australia, and two from the United Kingdom, who fell on the 13th-23rd August, 1918.