

In Memory Of

SAMUEL ROSTROM

Serjeant 48677
92nd Field Coy., Royal Engineers
who died on Friday, 23rd February 1917

Born Hyde, Cheshire Enlisted Stockport Residence Hyde, Cheshire

Died How Killed in action Theatre of War France & Flanders

Additional Inf. Spring Street, Hyde

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: POZIERES BRITISH CEMETERY, OVILLERS-LA BOISSELLE, Somme, France

Grave Reference/ IV. Q. 2.

Panel Number:

Location: Pozieres is a village some 6 kilometres north-east of Albert, and the Cemetery, which is enclosed by the Pozieres Memorial, is a little south-west of the village on the north side of the main road, D929, from Albert to Pozieres.

Historical Information: The village of Pozieres was attacked on the 23rd July, 1916, by the 1st Australian and 48th (South Midland) Divisions, and was taken on the following day. It was lost on the 24th-25th March, 1918, and recaptured by the 17th Division on the following 24th August. In the immediate neighbourhood are the Battle Memorials of the 1st and 2nd Australian Divisions, the Tank Corps and the King's Royal Rifle Corps. Plot II of the cemetery contains the original burials of 1916, 1917 and 1918, carried out by fighting units and Field Ambulances; 57 German graves, made during their occupation in 1918, have been removed to another cemetery. The remaining plots were made after the Armistice by the concentration of graves from the battlefields immediately surrounding the cemetery. The great majority of the graves thus brought in are those of soldiers who fell in the Autumn of 1916, but a few represent the fighting in August, 1918. There are now nearly 3,000, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, over 1,000 are unidentified and special memorials are erected to 18, soldiers from Australia, two from the United Kingdom and one from Canada, known or believed to be buried among them. The cemetery covers an area of 7,193 square metres. It is enclosed by buildings and walls on which are carved the names of those who fell in the Retreat of the Fifth Army in 1918 and whose graves are not known; this Memorial will be the subject of a separate Register. The following were among the more important burial grounds from which British graves were concentrated to Pozieres British Cemetery:- CASUALTY CORNER CEMETERY, CONTALMAISON, on the road from Pozieres to Fricourt, used in the summer and autumn of 1916 and containing the graves of 21 Canadian soldiers, 21 Australian and 13 from the United Kingdom. DANUBE POST CEMETERY, THIEPVAL (named from a trench and a Dressing Station), between the site of Thiepval village and Mouquet Farm. Here were buried, in the winter of 1916-17, 34 soldiers from the United Kingdom, mainly of the R.F.A. NAB JUNCTION CEMETERY, OVILLERS-LA BOISSELLE, at the crossing of the Thiepval-Pozieres Road and "Nab Valley", in which 60 soldiers from the United Kingdom and one German prisoner were buried in the winter of 1916-17.