

In Memory Of

FRANK SHAWCROSS

Private 31419

**"D" Coy. 8th Bn., (Prince of Wales's Volunteers) South Lancs Regt.
who died on Monday, 16th July 1917. Age 27**

Born **Enlisted** Hyde, Cheshire **Residence** Godley, Ches.
Died How Died of wounds **Theatre of War** France & Flanders
Additional Inf. Husband of Ada Davenport (formerly Shawcross) of 16, Top Row,
Godley, Hyde, Cheshire.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: BELGIAN BATTERY CORNER CEMETERY, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium
**Grave Reference/
Panel Number:** I. E. 1.
Location: Belgian Battery Corner Cemetery is located 2 km south west of Ieper town centre, on a road called Omloopstraat, a road leading from the Dikkebusseweg. From Ieper town centre the Dikkebusseweg (N375), is reached via Elverdingsestraat, straight over a roundabout onto J. Capronstraat (for 30 metres), then left along M. Fochlaan. Immediately after the train station, the first right hand turning is the Dikkebusseweg. 1.5 km along the Dikkebusseweg is the right hand turning onto the Frezenbergstraat. 200 metres further on the right hand side is Omloopstraat. The cemetery is located immediately on the right hand side of the Omloopstraat.

Historical Information: Belgian Battery Corner was the name given to the point where the Rue Brielen joins a spur of the Ypres-Dickebusch road, about 1.6 kilometres from the ramparts of Ypres. The origin of the name is evident, but details of the Battery in question are not known. The house 550 metres to the West was known during the War as "Belgian Chateau," and was used as Brigade or Battalion Headquarters. The cemetery was begun by the 8th Division in June, 1917, after the Battle of Messines (although a grave of March, 1916, will be found in Plot III, Row A); and it was used until October, 1918, largely for burials from the Dressing Station in a cottage near by. There are now nearly 600, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, a small number are unidentified and special memorials are erected to two known Australian soldiers buried in the unknown graves. The 1st Field Company, Australian Engineers, and the 21st Australian Machine Gun Company have also erected regimental memorials. The cemetery covers an area of 3,349 square metres and is enclosed by a concrete curb (except on the road frontage).