

In Memory Of

JOSEPH SHAW

Private 16609
7th/8th Bn., King's Own Scottish Borderers
who died on Friday, 18th August 1916



Born Hyde, Ches. **Enlisted** Hyde, Ches. **Residence** Hyde, Ches.

Died How Killed in action **Theatre of War** France & Flanders

Additional Inf. Son of Mrs. Shaw of 5 Commercial Street, Hyde.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: CATERPILLAR VALLEY CEMETERY, LONGUEVAL, Somme, France

Grave Reference/ VI. A. 16.

Panel Number:

Location:

Longueval is a village approximately 13 kilometres east of Albert and 10 kilometres south of Bapaume. Caterpillar Valley Cemetery lies a short distance west of Longueval on the south side of the road to Contalmaison. Within the cemetery is Caterpillar Valley (New Zealand) Memorial, which commemorates those officers and men of the New Zealand Division who fell in the Battles of the Somme, 1916, and whose graves are not known.

Historical Information: Caterpillar Valley was the name given by the Army to the long valley which rises Eastwards, past "Caterpillar Wood", to the high ground at Guillemont. The ground was captured, after very fierce fighting, in the latter part of July, 1916. It was lost in March, 1918, and recovered by the 38th (Welsh) Division on the 28th August, 1918; and then a little cemetery was made (now Plot 1 of this cemetery) containing 25 graves of the 38th Division and the 6th Dragoon Guards. But after the Armistice, 31 plots were added, containing the graves of 5,511 officers and men buried in other small cemeteries, or found on the battlefields of the Somme. The great majority of these soldiers fell in the autumn of 1916, and almost all the rest in August or September, 1918. The cemetery covers an area of 14,832 square metres and is enclosed by a rubble wall. Near the East side of the cemetery is the Memorial to those New Zealand soldiers who fell in the Battles of the Somme, 1916, and whose graves are not known. There are over 5,500, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Graves were taken to Caterpillar Valley Cemetery from the following burial grounds:- CLARK'S DUMP CEMETERY, BAZENTIN, was a little West of High Wood, on the road from Bazentin-le-Petit to Flers. It contained the graves of 26 soldiers from the United Kingdom, and two from South Africa, who fell in August-December, 1916. GINCHY GERMAN CEMETERY (457 metres North of the village, between the Flers and Lesboeufs roads), in which two unknown British soldiers were buried. McCORMICK'S POST CEMETERY, FLERS, nearly a 1.6 kms West of Flers village. Here were buried 19 soldiers from the United Kingdom, nine from Australia and nine from New Zealand, who fell in September-November, 1916. MARTINPUICH ROAD CEMETERY, BAZENTIN, contained the graves of 41 soldiers from the United Kingdom who fell in July and August, 1916. SNOWDON CEMETERY, BAZENTIN, in Bazentin-le-Grand village, containing the graves of 24 soldiers of the 38th (Welsh) Division who fell in August and September, 1918. WELSH CEMETERY, LONGUEVAL, between Flers village and High Wood, in which were buried 17 soldiers of the 38th (Welsh) Division who fell in August and September, 1918.

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