

*In Memory Of*

**RICHARD EDWARD PAWSON STEVENS**

**Lance Corporal 39748  
"B" Coy. 12<sup>th</sup> Bn., Manchester Regiment  
who died on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> July 1917. Age 31**

**Born** Westminster, London    **Enlisted** Manchester    **Residence** Hyde

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

**Additional Inf.** Son of John Edward Stevens, of 127 Mottram Road, Hyde, Ches;  
Husband of Grace Toynbee Stevens.

**Commemorative Information**

**Cemetery:** MINDEL TRENCH BRITISH CEMETERY, ST. LAURENT-BLANGY, Pas de Calais, France

**Grave Reference/  
Panel Number:** D. 41.

**Location:** St. Laurent-Blangy adjoins the north-east side of the city of Arras. Mindel Trench British Cemetery is about 105 metres north of the road from St. Laurent-Blangy to Gavrelle.

**Historical Information:** Until the 9th April, 1917, the British front line ran practically through the village. The trench (known to the Germans as Mindel Trench and called in 1918 McLaren Trench) was taken by the 9th (Scottish) Division on the 9th April, 1917, and the cemetery was made by the side of the trench after the battle. It was used by fighting units and Field Ambulances until September, 1918, and it was called at times by the names of Stirling Camp and St. Laurent-Blangy Forward Cemetery. There are now nearly 200, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, a small number are unidentified. The cemetery covers an area of 827 square metres and is enclosed by a low rubble wall.