

In Memory Of

BOWKER TAYLOR

Private 9748
1st Bn., Cheshire Regiment
who died on Tuesday, 16th February 1915. Age 28



Born St. George's, Hyde

Enlisted Hyde

Died How Died of wounds

Theatre of War France & Flanders

Additional Inf. Son of George and Elizabeth Ann Taylor, of 30, Bank St. Hyde.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: BAILLEUL COMMUNAL CEMETERY, Nord, France
**Grave Reference/
Panel Number:** H. 14.
Location:

Bailleul is a large town in France, near the Belgian border, 14.5 kilometres south-west of leper and on the main road from St. Omer to Lille. From the Grand place, take the leper road and 400 metres along this road is a sign indicating the direction of the cemetery. Turn down the right into a small road and follow for approximately 400 metres, the cemetery is on the right.

Historical Information: Bailleul was occupied on the 14th October, 1914, by the 19th Brigade and the 4th Division. It became an important railhead, air depot and hospital centre; the 2nd, 3rd, 8th, 11th, 53rd, 1st Canadian and 1st Australian Casualty Clearing Stations were quartered in it for considerable periods. It was a Corps Headquarters until July, 1917, when it was severely bombed and shelled; and after the Battle of Bailleul (13th-15th April, 1918) it fell into German hands for over four months. The earliest British burials at Bailleul were made at the East end of the Communal Cemetery; and in April, 1915, where the space available had been filled, the Extension was opened on the East side of the cemetery. There are now over 600, 1914-18 and a small number of 1939-45 war casualties commemorated in this cemetery. Of these, a small number from the 1914-18 War and are unidentified. In addition, seventeen of the graves were destroyed by shell fire and are represented by special memorials; one of these is in Row C, and the others are apart. The British rows in the cemetery cover an area of 591 square metres. In the centre of the town is the stone obelisk erected by the 25th Division as their Memorial on the Western Front, recalling particularly the beginning of their war service at Bailleul and their part in the Battle of Messines. The town War Memorial, a copy of the ruined tower and belfry of the Church of St. Vaast, was unveiled in 1925 by the Lord Mayor of Bradford, the city which later "adopted" Bailleul.