

In Memory Of

PERCY THOMAS



Private 37760
1st Bn., Royal Welsh Fusiliers
who died on Wednesday, 29th November 1916. Age 21

Born Hyde, Cheshire

Enlisted Llandudno

Died How Died of wounds

Theatre of War France & Flanders

Additional Inf. Son of John and Ada Thomas, of Hyde, Cheshire

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: VARENNES MILITARY CEMETERY, Somme, France
**Grave Reference/
Panel Number:** I. G. 47.
Location:

Varennnes is a village 11 kilometres from Albert and 18 kilometres from Amiens. Take the D938 from Albert to Doullens. In Hedauville turn left on the D47E towards Varennnes. 2 kilometres further on you will come to a crossroads in the village of Varennnes where you should turn right. About 300 metres further, turn left following the CWGC sign, and the Cemetery will be found about 500 metres further on the right.

Historical Information: In August, 1916, during the Battles of the Somme, the 39th Casualty Clearing Station laid out the Military Cemetery; but the first burials in it, during August and September, were carried out by the more mobile units, the Field Ambulances of three Divisions. From October, 1916, to May, 1917, the 4th and 11th Clearing Stations used it, and from December, 1916, to May, 1917, the 47th. Then for a year Varennnes was deserted; but from April to August, 1918, the Divisions opposed to the German attack in this quarter, particularly the 17th and the 38th (Welsh), extended the Cemetery by Plots II. and III. Lastly, at the beginning of September, 1918, the 3rd Canadian and 59th Casualty Clearing Stations came to Varennnes. There are now over 1,000, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. The Military Cemetery stands six feet above the road and is entered by stone steps at the South-West corner, beside the Cross of Sacrifice. The Stone of Remembrance is at the North-East corner. Varennnes Communal Cemetery, which stands opposite the Military Cemetery, contains two British graves, of November, 1915, and July, 1916, near the South-West corner.