

In Memory Of

ALBERT THORNLEY

**Private (31) 26672
1st Bn., Cheshire Regiment
who died on Wednesday, 21st August 1918. Age 27.**

Born **Enlisted** Glossop, Derbys. **Residence** Hyde
Died How Killed in action **Theatre of War** France & Flanders
Additional Inf. Son of John Thornley, of Chisworth, Derbys; husband of Annie
Thornley, of 521 Davidson, Hochelaga, Montreal, Canada.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: ADANAC MILITARY CEMETERY, MIRAUMONT, Somme, France
**Grave Reference/
Panel Number:** VIII. L. 19.
Location: Miraumont is a village about 14.5 kilometres north-north-east of Albert and the Cemetery is some 3 kilometres south of the village on the east side of the road to Courcelette (D107). The cemetery is signposted in the centre of Miraumont.

Historical Information: Miraumont and Pys were occupied on the 24th-25th February, 1917, in the German retreat to the Hindenburg Line. They were retaken by the enemy on the 25th March, 1918, but they fell to the 42nd (East Lancashire) Division on the following 24th August. Adanac Military Cemetery (the name was formed by reversing the name "Canada") was made after the Armistice by the concentration of graves from the battlefields and small cemeteries surrounding Miraumont, and particularly from the Canadian battlefields round Courcelette. One grave (Plot IV, Row D, Grave 30) was left where it is. There are now over 3,000, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these over half are unidentified, and special memorials are erected to thirteen soldiers from the United Kingdom known or believed to be buried among them. The cemetery covers an area of 8,696 square metres and is enclosed by a rubble wall. The more important burial grounds concentrated into Adanac Military Cemetery were the following:- PYS BRITISH CEMETERY, about two thirds of the way from Pys to Courcelette. It contained the graves of 22 soldiers from Canada, two from the United Kingdom and five of unknown Units, and a memorial to 33 men of the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada. PYS NEW BRITISH CEMETERY, in the village, made by the 42nd Division in August and September, 1918, and containing the graves of 35 soldiers (and sailors and Marines) from the United Kingdom and one from New Zealand. AQUEDUCT ROAD CEMETERY, PYS, between Pys and Le Sars, made by the 6th and 99th Infantry Brigades in March, 1917, and containing the graves of eleven soldiers from the United Kingdom. NEW ZEALAND CEMETERY, GREVILLERS, close to Grevillers Churchyard, containing the graves of 19 New Zealand soldiers who fell in August-September, 1918. SHRINE CEMETERY, GREVILLERS, about 500 yards from Grevillers on the road to Irlès, containing the graves of thirteen soldiers from New Zealand and two from the United Kingdom who fell at the end of August, 1918.