

In Memory Of

HAROLD TIMPERLEY

**Guardsman 22598
3rd Bn., Grenadier Guards
who died on Saturday, 16th September 1916.**

Born **Enlisted** Manchester
Died How Died of wounds **Theatre of War** France & Flanders
Additional Inf. Son of Jane Timperley, 46 Adcroft Street, Stockport.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: CORBIE COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION, Somme, France
**Grave Reference/
Panel Number:** Plot 2. Row D. Grave 40.
Location:

Corbie is a small town 15 kilometres east of Amiens. Go north from the town centre taking the D1 (Rue Gambetta) in the direction of Bray. You will arrive at a set of traffic lights with the hospital diagonally on your left. Continue, taking the second turning on your right onto the Rue des Longues Vignes (VC6). The cemetery lies about 800 metres on the left and the extension is east of the Communal Cemetery.

Historical Information: Corbie was about 21 kilometres behind the front trenches when the British Third Army took over the line from Berles-au-Bois southward to the Somme, in July, 1915, and it became at once a medical centre. No. 5 Casualty Clearing Station was followed in August by No. 21, and they remained at La Neuville (the suburb across the Ancre) until October, 1916, and April, 1917, respectively. They were buried in the Communal Cemetery until May, 1916, when the British plot was filled and it became necessary to open the Extension. Plot I. and the greater part of Plot II. of the Extension contain the graves of officers and men who died of wounds in the Battles of the Somme, 1916. Between November, 1916, and the Spring of 1918 there is a gap in the records of burial; the front line had gone eastward. In the German advance of 1918 the enemy came within 10 kilometres of the town. Field Ambulances of the 47th Division were stationed near it, and the 12th Australian Field Ambulance came in July, 1918. The Cemeteries were shelled, and special memorials in the Extension record the fact that graves known to have existed cannot now be traced. There are now over 900, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site.