

*In Memory Of*

**THOMAS VICKERS**

**Private 266654  
1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup>/ 4<sup>th</sup> Bn., Cheshire Regiment  
who died on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> November 1917.**

**Born** Hyde, Cheshire

**Enlisted** Hyde, Cheshire

**Died How** Died of wounds

**Theatre of War** Egypt

**Additional Inf.** Son of John & Rebecca Vickers, 9 Well Meadow.

**Commemorative Information**

**Cemetery:** BEERSHEBA WAR CEMETERY, Israel

**Grave Reference/  
Panel Number:** B. 13.

**Location:** Beersheba is a town 43 kilometres south-east of Gaza, and about 74 kilometres south-west of Jerusalem. The Cemetery is situated on the south west of the town, south of highway 25. Turn right onto 25 from highway 40 at the shopping complex building traffic lights. Follow 25 to the second set of lights and turn left. Turn left at the second crossroads and the cemetery is on the left.

**Historical Information:** In October, 1917, General Allenby's forces were entrenched on the Gaza-Beersheba line, behind the road and the towns, and were ready to attack. The first move was to be the capture of Beersheba. It was carried out on the 30th and 31st October by the XXth Corps (10th, 53rd, 60th and 74th Divisions) on the West, and the Desert Mounted Corps on the East; and on the evening of the 31st the 4th Australian Light Horse Brigade charged over the Turkish trenches into the town. The Cemetery was made, adjoining Beersheba Christian Cemetery, immediately on the fall of the town, and it remained in use until July, 1918. The burials in that period numbered 139. The Cemetery was, however, greatly increased after the Armistice by the concentration of a number of scattered graves and small graveyards. There are now over 1,000, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, nearly 100 are unidentified. The Cemetery covers an area of 12,258 square metres and is enclosed by a wall.