

In Memory Of

SIDNEY WAGSTAFF

**Private 123195
Machine Gun Corps (Infantry)
who died on Thursday, 21st March 1918. Age 19.**

Born Stalybridge, Ches. **Enlisted** Birkenhead **Residence** Hyde

Died How Killed in action **Theatre of War** France & Flanders

Additional Inf. FORMERLY 38725, E .LANCS. REGT.

Son of Charles and Annie Wagstaff, 189 Stockport Rd., Hyde.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: TINCOURT NEW BRITISH CEMETERY, Somme, France
**Grave Reference/
Panel Number:** X. E. 13.
Location: Tincourt is a village about 7 kilometres east of Peronne and Tincourt New British Cemetery is on the west side of the village, just off the D199.

Historical Information: The villages were occupied by British troops in March, 1917, during the German Retreat to the Hindenburg Line; and from the following May until March, 1918, Tincourt became a centre for Casualty Clearing Stations. On the 23rd March, 1918, the villages were evacuated; and they were recovered, in a ruined condition, about the 6th September. From that month to December, 1918, Casualty Clearing Stations were again posted on the site of Tincourt. The cemetery was begun in June, 1917, and used until September, 1919; the few German burials, during their occupation of the village, are in Plot VI, Row A. After the Armistice it was used for the reburial of soldiers found on the battlefield, or buried in small French or German cemeteries. The graves of 136 American soldiers, buried here in the autumn of 1918, and one who died in December, 1917, and those of two Italian soldiers have been removed to other cemeteries. There are now nearly 2,000, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, over 250 are unidentified and special memorials are erected to seven soldiers from the United Kingdom and one from Australia, known or believed to be buried among them. Other special memorials record the names of 21 soldiers from the United Kingdom, two from Canada, one from Australia and one from South Africa, buried in other cemeteries, whose graves were destroyed by shell fire. The cemetery covers an area of 6,149 square metres