In Memory Of

JULIAN WALKER

Fitter Staff Serjeant 89424
"A" Bty., 63rd Bde., Royal Field Artillery
who died on Saturday, 8th December 1917. Age 33

Born **Enlisted** Woolwich, Kent. **Residence** Hyde

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

Additional Inf. Son of Joshua and Mary Jane Walker, 72, Old Rd, Newton, Hyde

Commemorative Information

Cemetery:	PERONNE COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION, STE RADEGONDE, Somme, France
Grave Reference/ Panel Number:	III. L. 28.
Location:	From Bapaume take the N17 to Peronne. On entering Peronne, turn right towards the hospital. On reaching the hospital, which will be on the right, take the small road opposite and the communal cemetery is at the end of this road on the left. The extension is on the south-west side of the cemetery.
Historical Information:	Peronne fell into German hands on the 24th September, 1914. On the 18th March, 1917, the 40th and 48th Divisions entered the town, which had been set on fire by the enemy; and on the 23rd March, 1918, the Germans recaptured it. On the 30th August-1st September, 1918, the 2nd Australian Division took Mont-St. Quentin (a feat commemorated by the Battle Memorial erected beside the village street), and on the latter day they entered Peronne. The town was later "adopted" by the County Borough of Blackburn. Peronne Communal Cemetery contains (on the left-hand side of the centre path, opposite the 1870 Memorial) the grave of a soldier from the United Kingdom who fell in August, 1914. The Cemetery Extension was begun by the 48th (South Midland) Division in March, 1917, used by the Germans in 1918, and resumed by Australian units in September, 1918. At the Armistice it contained 177 graves (now in Plots I and II). It was then enlarged by the concentration of graves from the battlefields North and East of Peronne and from certain small cemeteries. There are now over 1,500, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, over 200 are unidentified and special memorials are erected to four soldiers from Australia, two from South Africa and one from the United Kingdom, known or believed to be buried among them. Other special memorials record the names of nine soldiers from the United Kingdom and one from South Africa, buried in German Cemeteries, whose graves could not be found. Certain graves in Plots III, IV and V, identified collectively but not individually, are marked by headstones bearing the additional words: "Buried near this spot". The bodies of one French and one American soldier have been removed to other cemeteries. The Extension covers an area of 5,535 square metres and is bounded by the Communal Cemetery, by the road, and by a low brick wall on the other two sides