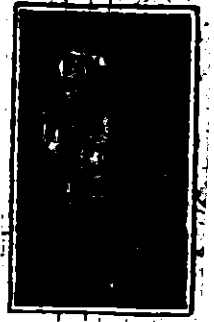


In Memory Of

JOHN WARDLE

Private 24344
2nd Bn., Royal Welsh Fusiliers
who died on Friday, 7th July 1916. Age 29.



Born Broadbottom, Derbys.

Enlisted Hyde, Cheshire

Died How Died of wounds

Theatre of War France & Flanders

Additional Inf. Husband of Fanny Wardle, of 5, Back Lane, Hyde, Cheshire.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: BETHUNE TOWN CEMETERY, Pas de Calais, France
**Grave Reference/
Panel Number:** V. F. 66.

Location: Bethune is 29 kilometres north of Arras. From the town centre of Bethune, turn right in front of the Tribunal and second right at the bottom of the road down to the cul-de-sac where the cemetery will be found.

Historical Information: During the greater part of the war, Bethune was comparatively free from bombardment, and remained an important railway and hospital centre as well as Corps or Divisional Headquarters. The 33rd Casualty Clearing Station was in the town until December, 1917. Early in 1918, Bethune began to suffer from constant shell fire; and in April, 1918 (in the Battle of Bethune, one of the Battles of the Lys) German forces reached Locon, five kilometres to the North. The bombardment of the 21st May did great damage to the town, and it was not till October that the enemy pressure was relaxed. There are now over 3,000, 1914-18 and 20, 1939-45 war casualties commemorated in this site. The cemetery covers an area of 8,475 square metres.