

In Memory Of

ROBERT WHITEHEAD

**Private 16068
12th Bn., Cheshire Regiment
who died on Thursday, 10/19th September 1918**

Born Bredbury, Cheshire

Enlisted Hyde, Cheshire

Died How Killed in action

Theatre of War Serbia

Additional Inf. Son of John & Nancy Whitehead, 64 Newton Street, Hyde.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: DOIRAN MILITARY CEMETERY, Greece
**Grave Reference/
Panel Number:** VI. B. 20.
Location:

Doiran Military Cemetery is in the north of Greece close to the Yugoslav frontier and near the south-east shore of Lake Doiran. It is approximately 2 kilometres behind the village of Doiran and is reached via a farm track after turning left in the village by a large taverna. The Doiran Memorial, on what was called Colonial Hill can be seen from a distance and is a landmark.

Historical Information: The Cemetery (originally known as Colonial Hill Cemetery No.2) was formed at the end of 1916 as a front line cemetery for the Doiran front, the western half of the British line. The graves are almost entirely those of officers and men of the 22nd and 26th Divisions. They are due very largely to the fighting of April and May, 1917 (the attacks on the Petit-Couronne), and 18-19 September, 1918 (the attacks on "P" Ridge and the Grand-Couronne), in which these Divisions repeatedly stormed very strong positions which it was found impossible to maintain. The nature of the fighting explains the fact that over 400 of the graves were brought in from No-Man's Land after the Armistice by burial parties from the Army, and the further fact that in Plots II and IV, almost all of the graves are unidentified. In October and November, 1918, after the final advance, a few burials took place from the 25th Casualty Clearing Station. Of the small graveyards concentrated into this cemetery, the most important was Strumnitza British Military Cemetery, North-west of Doiran, made by the 40th Casualty Clearing Station in October and November, 1918.