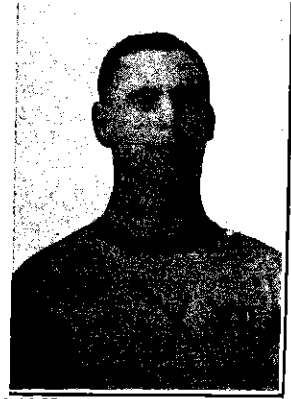


In Memory Of

JOSEPH WILDE

Private 7410
16th Bn., Manchester Regiment
who died on Sunday, 9th July 1916. Age 19.



Born Hyde **Enlisted** Heaton Park, Manchester **Residence** Patricroft

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

Additional Inf. Son of Wright and Annie Wilde, of 81, Gt. Norbury St, Hyde.
Also 51 Garden Street, Hyde.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: BERNAFAY WOOD BRITISH CEMETERY, Somme, France
Grave Reference/ H. 16.
Panel Number:

Location: Bernafay Wood British Cemetery is in the Department of the Somme, 10 kilometres east of Albert and 2 kilometres south of Longueval on the D197, in the direction of Maricourt.

Historical Information: The Bois De Bernafay is a pear-shaped wood close to the East end of Montauban village. It was taken on the 3rd and 4th July, 1916, by the 9th (Scottish) Division. On the 25th March, 1918, in the retreat to the Ancre, the same Division was driven from the Wood but recaptured it for a time. On the 27th August, 1918 it was finally regained by the 18th Division. The cemetery was begun by a Dressing Station in August 1916, and used as a front-line cemetery until the following April. It contained at the Armistice 284 graves, and it was then increased by the concentration of graves from Bernafay Wood North Cemetery and from the battlefields immediately East of the Wood. There are now nearly 950, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, over 400 are unidentified and special memorials are erected to 9 soldiers from the United Kingdom and 2 from Australia, known or believed to be buried here. Other special memorials record the names of 12 soldiers from the United Kingdom, buried in Bernafay Wood North Cemetery, whose graves were destroyed by shell fire. The cemetery covers an area of 4,000 square metres and is enclosed by a concrete curb. BERNAFAY WOOD NORTH CEMETERY was opposite the North edge of the wood, a little East of the Longueval - Maricourt road. It was begun by an Advanced Dressing Station, and used from July to October 1916. It contained the graves of 80 soldiers from the United Kingdom and 1 German prisoner.