

In Memory Of

SAMUEL ELLISON WILDE

**Private 17256
20TH Bn., Manchester Regiment
who died on Saturday, 1^{2th} July 1916. Age 20.**

Born Hyde, Cheshire

Enlisted Manchester

Died How Killed in action

Theatre of War France & Flanders

Additional Inf. Son of Samuel and Catherine Wilde, of Ellison House,
Styal Road, Wilmslow. Native of Hyde, Cheshire

Commemorative Information

Cemetery:

DANTZIG ALLEY BRITISH CEMETERY, MAMETZ, Somme, France

Grave Reference/

V. J. 7.

Panel Number:

Location:

Mametz is a village about 8 kilometres east of the town of Albert. The Cemetery is a little east of the village on the north side of the road, D64, to Montauban.

Historical Information:

Dantzig Alley British Cemetery was named from a German trench. Mametz was carried by the 7th Division on the 1st July, 1916, after very hard fighting at Dantzig Alley and other points. The cemetery was begun later in the same month; it was used by Field Ambulances and fighting units until the following November. The ground was lost in March, 1918, and regained in August, and a few graves were added in August and September, 1918. The cemetery consisted, at the Armistice, of 183 graves, now in Plot I; but it was then very greatly increased by the concentration of graves (almost all of 1916) from certain smaller burial grounds and from the battlefields North and East of Mametz. There are now over 2,000, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, some 500 are unidentified and special memorials are erected to 17 soldiers from the United Kingdom, known or believed to be buried among them. Other special memorials record the names of 70 soldiers from the United Kingdom and one from New Zealand, buried in other cemeteries, whose graves were destroyed by shell fire. Five French and seven German graves have been removed to other cemeteries. The cemetery covers an area of 5,722 square metres and is enclosed by a brick wall. The following were among the burial grounds from which British graves were brought to this cemetery:- AEROPLANE CEMETERY, FRICOURT, on the old German front line to the South of Fricourt village. It contained the graves of 24 N.C.Os. and men of the 20th Manchesters who fell on the 1st July, 1916.