

In Memory Of

JOSEPH WILKINSON

**Private 9536
2nd (Garrison) Bn., Cheshire Regiment
who died on Sunday, 30th December 1917.**

Born St. Thomas, Hyde. **Enlisted** Ashton-u-Lyne **Residence** Hyde

Died How Died from wounds **Theatre of War**  Middle East.

Additional Inf.

Commemorative Information

Memorial:

CHATBY MEMORIAL, Egypt

Location:

Chatby is a district on the eastern side of the city of Alexandria, between the main dual carriageway to Aboukir, known as Al Horaya, and the sea. The Chatby Memorial is situated within Chatby War Memorial Cemetery which is located centrally within the main Alexandria cemetery complex. It is bordered by Al Horaya on the south and the electric tramway, which is parallel with Sharia Champollion, on the north. Visitors can reach the entrance to the cemetery along the road Sharia Anubis, which lies centrally north/south through the cemetery area. The cemetery contains the graves of more than 2,000 British officers and men who fell in the Great War. The Memorial, at the east end of the Cemetery, takes the form of a stone building to the walls of which are fixed panels containing the names of over 900 officers and men who have no other grave but the sea.

Historical Information:

THE CHATBY MEMORIAL, ALEXANDRIA. MEMORIAL INDEX NUMBER M.R. 41. CHATBY War Memorial Cemetery, Alexandria, is one of a group of cemeteries on the East side of the town. It contains the graves of more than 2,100 British officers and men who fell in the Great War, and the Register containing their names has been published. At the East end of it is a stone building, to the walls of which are fixed panels containing the names of 982 officers and men who have no other grave than the sea; and this Register relates particularly to these panels, which constitute the Chatby Memorial. From 1914 to 1919, transports and Hospital Ships traversed the seas to and from Alexandria, bringing reinforcements for Egypt, Gallipoli or Palestine and carrying the sick and wounded out of the theatres of war; and from sickness, wounds or accident some hundreds of men died on the high seas and received the same burial as the sailor who dies at sea. Their graves are the sea itself; and this Memorial records the burial at sea of two sailors of the Mercantile Marine Reserve, 102 soldiers of United Kingdom Corps and Regiments, three men of the Royal Air Force, 135 Australian soldiers, and three men of the Cape Corps. From 1915 to 1918 a greater danger beset the transports and Hospital Ships which covered the sea routes to and from Egypt. The enemy submarines were active in these waters as in others; and the Allied Navies and the Auxiliary Patrol could not completely safeguard the routes, or save every life from a torpedoed vessel. The unburied dead from six vessels, torpedoed or mined in the Eastern Mediterranean, are named on this Memorial, and they are 737 in number.