

In Memory Of

JOHN EDWARD WILSON

Private 5252
1/6th Cheshire Regiment
who died on Monday, 13th November 1916

Born Hyde, Cheshire

Enlisted Hyde, Cheshire

Died How Killed in action

Theatre of War France & Flanders

Additional Inf. Son of Wm. & Jane Wilson, 30 Norfolk Street, Hyde.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: MILL ROAD CEMETERY, THIEPVAL, Somme, France

**Grave Reference/
Panel Number:** VIII. C. 9.

Location: Thiepval is a village on the D151 road about 8 kilometres north of the town of Albert. The Cemetery (signposted at Thiepval) is about 1kilometre north-west of the village on the north side of the D73 road to Hamel. Access to the cemetery, 500 metres from the road, is by a track (suitable for cars).

Historical Information: From the time when trench warfare began on the Ancre, Thiepval was garrisoned by the 160th Regiment of Wurtembergers. It was attacked unsuccessfully by the 36th (Ulster) Division on the 1st July, 1916, and in memory of that attack the Divisional Memorial, a replica of Helen's Tower at Clondeboyne, has been erected on the high ground North of the Wood. The 18th Division attacked again and took it on the 26th September, 1916, and their memorial obelisk is erected in the former Chateau grounds. The village remained in British occupation until the 25th March, 1918, and it was retaken on the following 24th August by the 38th (Welsh) and 17th Divisions. The cemetery was made in the spring of 1917, when the battlefield was cleared; the present Plot I contains the 260 graves then gathered. After the Armistice it was enlarged by the concentration of graves from smaller cemeteries and from the battlefields of Beaumont-Hamel and Thiepval.