# The Durham Light Infantry and The Somme 1916

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## Part 5

## Cemeteries and Memorials on The Somme.





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## 5.1: Cemetery codes, names, locations and number of known graves

Cem Code	Cemetery name and location	Known graves
A1	Abbeville Communal Cemetery	10
A2	Abbeville Communal Cemetery Extension	6
A3		1
	Acheux British Cemetery  Achiet la Grand Communal Compters Extension	1
A4	Achiet-le-Grand Communal Cemetery Extension	
A5	Adanac Military Cemetery, Miraumont-Pys	36
A6	A.I.F. Burial Ground, Grass Lane, Flers	32
A7	Albert Communal Cemetery Extension, Albert	6
A8	Authuille Military Cemetery	1
A9	Aveluy Wood Cemetery, Mesnil-Martinsart	1
B1	Bancourt British Cemetery	30
B2	Barlin Communal Cemetery Extension	<u>1</u>
B3	Bazentin-le-Petit Communal Cemetery Extension	7
B4	Bazentin-le-Petit Military Cemetery	11
B5	Beaulencourt British Cemetery	1
B6	Beauval Communal Cemetery	1
B7	Becourt Military Cemetery, Becordel-Becourt	18
B8	Bernafay Wood British Cemetery	12
B9	Bertrancourt Military Cemetery	1
B10	Bienvillers Military Cemetery	3
B11	Blighty Valley Cemetery, Aveluy	1
B12	Boisguillaume Communal Cemetery	4
B13	Boulogne Eastern Cemetery	1
B14	Bouzincourt Communal Cemetery Extension	1
B15	Bronfay Farm Military Cemetery, Bray-sur-Somme	6
B16	Bulls Road Cemetery, Flers	4
C1	Cabaret-Rouge British Cemetery	3
C2	Cambrin Churchyard Extension	1
C3	Canadian Cemetery No. 2, Contalmaison	2
C4	Carnoy Military Cemetery	9
C5	Caterpillar Valley Cemetery, Longueval	6
C6	Cerisy-Gailly French National Cemetery	1
C7	Contalmaison Chateau Cemetery	8
C8	Corbie Communal Cemetery Extension	5
C9	Couin British Cemetery	3
D1	Dantzig Alley British Cemetery, Mametz	4
D2	Daours Communal Cemetery Extension	3
D3	Dartmoor Cemetery, Becordal-Becourt	18
D3	Delville Wood Cemetery, Longueval	13
D5	Dernancourt Communal Cemetery Extension	70
D6	Dive Copse British Cemetery, Sailly-le-Sec	70
D7	Douchy-Les-Ayette British Cemetery  Double Communal Company Future in No. 1	1
D8	Doullens Communal Cemetery Extension No. 1	1

E1	Englebelmer Communal Cemetery	4
E2	Etaples Military Cemetery	37
E3 E4	Etretat Churchyard Euston Road Cemetery, Colincamps	2 12
F1	Flatiron Copse Cemetery, Mametz	18
G1	Gezaincourt Communal Cemetery Extension	2
G2	Gordon Dump Cemetery, La Boisselle	31
G3	Grove Town Cemetery, Meaulte	34
G4	Guards Cemetery, Lesboeufs	33
G5	Guillemont Road Cemetery, Guillemont	7
G6	Gorre British and Indian Cemetery	1
H1	Hamel Military Cemetery, Beaumont-Hamel	4
H2	Hazebrouck Communal Cemetery	1
H3	Hebuterne Military Cemetery	1
H4	Heilly Station Cemetery, Mericourt-l'Abbe	55
L1	La Neuville British Cemetery	9
L2	London Cemetery and Extension, High Wood, Longueval	3 3 3
L3	Longueval Road Cemetery, Longueval	3
M1	Martinsart British Cemetery, Mesnil-Martinsart	3
M2	Meaulte Military Cemetery	2
M3	Mericourt-l'Abbe Communal Cemetery Extension	1
M4	Millencourt Communal Cemetery Extension	5 3
N1 O1	Norfolk Cemetery, Becordel-Becourt	ა 1
02	Ontario Cemetery, Sains-les-Marquion, Baupaume	5
D2 P1	Ovillers Military Cemetery, Ovillers-la-Boisselle Peake Wood Cemetery, Contalmaison	5 1
P2	Peronne Road Cemetery, Maricourt	7
P3	Porte-de-Paris Cemetery, Cambrai	3
P4	Pozieres British Cemetery, Ovillers-la-Boisselle	7
P5	Puchevillers British Cemetery	3
S1	Sailly-au-Bois Military Cemetery	1
S2	Serre Road Cemetery No.2	9
S3	Serre Road Cemetery No. 1	12
S4	St Pierre Cemetery, Amiens	3
S5	St Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen	17
S6	St Sever Cemetery, Rouen	43
S7	St Marie Cemetery, Le Havre	3
S8	Sucrerie Military Cemetery, Colincamps	3
S9	St Souplet British Military Cemetery	1
T1	Thiepval Anglo-French Cemetery, Authuille	1
T2	Thiepval Memorial	1545
T3	Tranchee de Mecknes Cemetery, Aix-Noulette	1
W1	Warlencourt British Cemetery	122
W2	Warloy-Baillon Communal Cemetery Extension	8
W3	Wimereux Communal Cemetery, Wimereux	1
	UK Cemeteries	50

2469

Total

## 5.2: Cemeteries in the Somme area [57]

Bold type indicates the selected cemeteries.

### Cemetery

Code	•	No. Buried
A3 -	Acheux British Cemetery	1
A5 -	•	36
A6 -	A.I.F. Burial Ground, Grass Lane, Flers	32
A7 -	Albert Communal Cemetery Extension, Albert	6
A8 -	Athuille Military Cemetery	1
A9 -	Aveluy Wood Cemetery, Mesnil-Martinsart	1
B1 -	Bancourt British Cemetery	30
B3 -	<b>Bazentin-le-Petit Communal Cemetery Extensio</b>	n 7
B4 -		11
B5 -	•	1
B7 -		18
B8 -		12
B9 -		1
	Blighty Valley Cemetery, Aveluy	1
	Bouzincourt Communal Cemetery Extension	1
	Bronfay Farm Military Cemetery, Bray-sur-Somme	6
	Bulls Road Cemetery, Flers	4
	Canadian Cemetery No. 2, Contalmaison	2
	Carnoy Military Cemetery	9
	Caterpillar Valley Cemetery, Longueval	6
	Cerisy-Gailly French National Cemetery	1
	Contalmaison Chateau Cemetery	8
	Corbie Communal Cemetery Extension	5
	Dantzig Alley British Cemetery, Mametz	4
	Daours Communal Cemetery Extension	3
	Dartmoor Cemetery, Becordal-Becourt	18
	Delville Wood Cemetery, Longueval	13
	Dernancourt Communal Cemetery Extension	<b>70</b>
	Dive Copse British Cemetery, Sailly-le-Sac	<b>7</b> 4
	Englebelmer Communal Cemetery  Euston Road Cemetery, Colincamps	4 12
F1 -		18
G2 -	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	31
G2 -	•	34
G4 -		33
G5 -	Guillemont Road Cemetery, Guillemont	7
H1 -	Hamel Military Cemetery, Beaumont-Hamel	4
H4 -	· ·	55
L1 -	La Neuville British Cemetery	9
L2 -	London Cemetery and Extension, High Wood	3
L3 -	Longueval Road Cemetery, Longueval	3
M1 -	Martinsart British Cemetery, Mesnil-Matinsart	3
M2 -	Meaulte Military Cemetery	2
М3 -	Mericourt-l'Abbe Communal Cemetery Extension	1
M4 -	Millencourt Communal Cemetery Extension	5
N1 -	Norfolk Cemetery, Becordel-Becourt	3
O2 -	•	5
P1 -	Peake Wood Cemetery, Contalmaison	1

P2 -	Peronne Road Cemetery, Maricourt	7
P4 -	Pozieres British Cemetery, Ovillers-la-Boisselle	7
<b>S2</b> -	Serre Road Cemetery No. 2	9
S3 -	Serre Road Cemetery No. 1	12
S8 -	Sucrerie Military Cemetery, Colincamps	3
S9	St Souplet British Military Cemetery	1
T1 -	Thiepval Anglo-French Cemetery, Authuille	1
	Warlencourt British Cemetery	122
W2 -	Warloy-Baillon Communal Cemetery Extension	8
Total		718

#### **Selected Cemeteries.**

Battalion	No. of graves	% of Bn total known graves
2nd Bn	31	60.8
5th Bn	32	60.4
6th Bn	81	83.5
7th Bn	40	81.6
8th Bn	68	82.9
9th Bn	49	67.1
10th Bn	34	60.7
11th Bn	25	56.8
12th Bn	29	54.7
13th Bn	18	39.1
14th Bn	41	61.9
15th Bn	67	61.5
18th Bn	23	52.3
19th Bn	15	45.5
20th Bn	27	65.9
22nd Bn	22	73.3
Total	600	64.9

## 5.3: Cemeteries in the Doullens and other Somme areas [13]

#### Cemetery

Code	Name of Cemetery	No. Buried
A4 -	Achiet-le-Grand Communal Cemetery Extension	1
B6 -	Beauval Communal Cemetery	1
B10 -	Bienvillers Military Cemetery	3
C1 -	Cabaret-Rouge British Cemetery, Souchez	3
C9 -	Couin British Cemetery	3
D7 -	Douchy-les-Ayette British Cemetery	1
D8 -	Doullens Communal Cemetery Extension No. 1	1
G1 -	Gezaincourt Communal Cemetery Extension	2
H3 -	Hebuterne Military Cemetery	1
P3 -	Porte-de-Paris Cemetery, Cambrai	3
P5 -	Puchevillers British Cemetery	3
S1 -	Sailly-au-Bois Military Cemetery	1
T3 -	Tranchee de Mecknes Cemetery, Aix-Noulette	1
Total		24

## 5.4: Cemeteries elsewhere but with Somme casualties [16]

#### Cemetery

Code	Name of Cemetery	No. Buried					
A2 - B2 - B12 - B13 - C2 - E2 - E3 - G6 - H2 - O1 - S4 - S5 - S6 - S7 -	Barlin Communal Cemetery Bois-Guillaume Communal Cemetery, Rouen Boulogne Eastern Cemetery	10 6 1 4 1 37 2 1 1 1 3 17 43 3 1 1 132					
Summary of casualties							
Cemeteries in the Somme area Cemeteries in the Doullens and other Somme areas Cemeteries elsewhere but with Somme casualties							

Cemeteries elsewhere but with Somme casualties Add those on the Thiepval Memorial 1545 Add those known to be buried in UK 50

#### **Overall total**

2469

## 5.5: Battalion Casualties - known soldiers in each cemetery

Bn	2	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	18	19	20	22	Total
A1	_			-			2	3				3	1	1			10
A2	1	2				2					1		'	•			6
A3	† †										1						1
A4						1					•						1
A5		1	8	1	11	10			3	2							36
A6		•	0			10	8		5		1	19			1	3	32
A7							0		1	5		13			'	3	6
A8									1	3							1
A9	1								'								1
B1	15							7			4				1	3	30
B2	13							'		1					'	3	1
B3		1	1	5						'							7
B4			1	5	2	1				2		1					11
B5				<u> </u>		- 1						1			1		1
B6													1		1		1
B7		2	4	4	2	1			3	2			ı				18
B8			4	4		ı		5	3		1	1		1	1	3	12
B9								3			I		1	ı	1	3	1
B10	1					1							ı			1	3
B10 B11	<u>'</u>					ı								1		ı	1
B12				1	1					1	1						4
B12				ı	ı					ı	ı	1					1
B13						1						I					1
B14 B15	1					ı	1	1			1			1	1		6
B15	<u>'</u>						'					1			3		4
							1					ı	1		3	1	3
<u>C1</u>	-						1					1	1			1	1
<u>C2</u>	-		2									1					2
<u>C3</u>	-						1	E						1		2	9
<u>C4</u>	4	4		2			1	5				2		1			
<u>C5</u>	1	1		2			4					2					6 1
<u>C6</u>				_			1		2	2							
<u>C7</u>				2				4	3	3		4		2			8
<u>C8</u>	4							1				1	2	3			5
<u>C9</u>	1				4			4				4	2	4			3
<u>D1</u>	-				1			1	2			1		1			4
<u>D2</u>	-	1	4			2	1		2			1			7		3
<u>D3</u>	-	4	1			2	4			4	4			2	/		18
<u>D4</u>	-	40	1 1	0	4 -	4.4	9		6	1	1			2			13
<u>D5</u>	-	10	14	8	15	11	4	4	6	2							70
<u>D6</u>	-					4		1						6			7
<u>D7</u>	-					1											1
<u>D8</u>											4		1				1
<u>E1</u>	_				_	4	4	4	_	4	4	4	4	_	4		4
<u>E2</u>	2	8			2	1	1	1	2	1	8	4	1	2	4		37
<u>E3</u>	ļ									1			1				2
<u>E4</u>			_		_	_		1				_	11				12
<u>F1</u>	<u> </u>	1	2	5	3	4						3					18
<u>G1</u>									_			1	1				2
<u>G2</u>									3			28					31

## Battalion Casualties - known soldiers in each cemetery

Bn	2	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	18	19	20	22	Total
<u>G3</u>	6	1	1					6			14				1	5	34
G4	8							1			17					7	33
<b>G5</b>	1							2			3			1			7
G6					1												1
H1	4																4
H2	1																1
<u>H3</u>													1				1
<u>H4</u>		3	1	2		2	8	2	5	3	1	13			14	1	55
<u>L1</u>	1						1	2						5			9
<u>L2</u>											1	2					3
<u>L3</u>												2			1		3
<u>M1</u>	3																3
<u>M2</u>									1	1							2
<u>M3</u>												1					1
<u>M4</u>			2			2				1		_					5
<u>N1</u>												3					3
<u>01</u>						1						_					1
<u>02</u>		1			1					1		2					5
<u>P1</u>				1													1
<u>P2</u>	2													3		2	7
<u>P3</u>			1			2											3
<u>P4</u>		4							6	1			1				7
<u>P5</u>		1								1			1				3
<u>S1</u>	4	2	4							2			1	1	2		1
S2 S3	1	2	1							2			12	1	2		9 12
<u>S4</u>					1	1			1				12				3
<u>S5</u>		3	5		3	4			I		1					1	17
<u>S6</u>	1	2	4	2	5		11	2	4	7	1	7		1	1	•	43
<u>S7</u>	-		1	1					•			,	1	<u> </u>			3
<u>S8</u>								3					•				3
<u>S9</u>						1		Ŭ									1
<u>T1</u>						•						1					1
T2			I.	I.	l		Thie	pval –	see b	elow	I.	•			I.		
T3										1							1
W1		7	48	8	35	18			4	1		1					122
W2		<u> </u>							4	4		-					8
W3		1															1
Burials abroad	51	51	96	47	78	67	52	44	48	45	61	99	37	31	38	29	874
+ T2 Thiepval	85	100	139	16	131	130	172	18	142	89	97	236	48	56	61	25	1545
+ UK burials	0	2	1	2	4	6	4	0	5	1	2	10	7	2	3	1	50
Total	136	153	236	65	213	203	228	62	195	135	160	345	92	89	102	55	2469
Bn	2	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	18	19	20	22	

## 5.6: Brief Descriptions of the selected cemeteries in the Somme **Battlefield** area

The choice of cemeteries has been made so as to cover all the main cemeteries containing DLI graves and to ensure all battalions are well and fairly represented. It was also thought of interest to include all three types of cemeteries as described by Middlebrook (Comrades, Communal and Concentration). The final list of 23 Somme area cemeteries out of 56 covers over 83% of identified graves in the area. The following lists give the soldiers' battalion number, date of death and grave space number.

Adanac Military Cemetery, Miraumont-Pys - 36 In the fields north of Courcelette are two major cemeteries on the Canadian battlefield -Regina Trench Cemetery and Adanac Cemetery. (Adanac is Canada spelt backwards.) They are of similar character, both being largely concentration cemeteries from the local battlefields, both being "Canadian" in that the visitors books are bilingual and Maple Leaf plaques are on the gateways. Both are in completely open ground, off the normal "tourist route" and deserve more visits. Adanac Military Cemetery is the larger. This is entirely a concentration cemetery. The concentration burials, particularly in the rear plots of the cemetery, appear to have been drawn from a wide area, with many bodies from United Kingdom units being brought in from the triangle abounded by Le Sars, Martinpuich and Flers, which is three miles away across the Bapaume road and where there are no cemeteries.

All the DLI soldiers buried here were killed in action.

#### A.I.F. Burial Ground, Grass Lane, Flers- 32

The only military cemetery in the area (Flers and Gueudecourt) is A.I.F. Burial Ground, which was started by Australian troops in November 1916. (A.I.F. were the initials of the Australian Imperial Force.) The original cemetery was no more than the first two rows of Plot 1, just to the left of the entrance, and contained only thirty-two graves. A large post-war concentration then took place, but in two distinct stages. Most of plots 1 to 6 were made, including the French graves in Plot 6, and the architect designed the cemetery layout of pathways and walls on the assumption that there would be no further burials. But then the decision was made to make a further expansion. This was probably in 1927 when Thiepval was chosen for the Memorial to the Missing and the clearance of cemeteries there took place. Approximately 1500 further bodies were transferred to this cemetery and buried in ten plots numbered 7 to 16 which were made along what would have been the side pathways of the original cemetery, in the far comers and in an extra section on the righthand side. This operation nearly doubled the size of the cemetery, altering its original shape and character and losing the spaciousness of the original plan. A large proportion of these later graves are "unknowns", but those that are identified, show dates and units involved in actions in the Thiepval area in 1916 and 1918, including many men of 36th Ulster Division from 1 July 1916.

The cemetery, with Warlencourt British Cemetery, is the fifth largest British cemetery on the 1916 battlefield; but it is hardly known to visitors, being situated up a track in a near-forgotten comer of the battlefield. The number of "unknowns" is nearly two thirds of the total. The three men of the 22nd Battalion (buried next to each other) may well have been amongst the first to have been buried here.

All the DLI men buried here were killed in action.

Bell, 42435 Private Joseph	15th Bn	16 Sep	II.J.6
Burke, 22/284 Private Thomas	22nd Bn	14 Nov	1.F.II
Carter, 30806 Private Matthew	10th Bn	16 Sep	II.A.11
Coates, 14571 Private William	15th Bn	16 Sep	II.G.15
Cockburn, 45697 Private John	15th Bn	16 Sep	III.J.13
Cowie, 13684 Private Robert	15th Bn	16 Sep	II.L.21
Craggs, 42408 Private John	15th Bn	16 Sep	I.J.20
Cutler, 2nd Lieutenant Frank	14th Bn	18 Sep	XVI.D.14
Dobson, 30599 Lance Corporal William	15th Bn	16 Sep	II.E.3
Elsey, 12379 Lance Corporal George	10th Bn	16 Sep	II.C.24
George, 2nd Lieutenant Edward	15th Bn	16 Sep	II.A.6
Greener, 13696 Private William	15th Bn	16 Sep	II.J.2
Hedley, 4/8476 Private Thomas	10th Bn	16 Sep	II.E.1
Holt, 42413 Private Oliver	15th Bn	16 Sep	II.L.19
Hull, 22/371 Private John	22nd Bn	14 Nov	I.F.13
Iliff, 42730 Corporal Eric	10th Bn	16 Sep	II.C.7
Johnston, 23390 Lance Corporal George	15th Bn	16 Sep	II.J.9
Malone, 25026 Private James	15th Bn	16 Sep	III.C.14
Monaghan, 28755 Private David	15th Bn	16 Sep	III.C.28
Moore, 23693 Private William	15th Bn	16 Sep	II.L.3
McPhearson, 45566 Sergeant George	15th Bn	16 Sep	I.L.2
Nichol, 45576 Private John	15th Bn	16 Sep	I.G.22
Renwick, 42678 Private George	10th Bn	16 Sep	III.A.17
Robson, 45745 Private William	15th Bn	16 Sep	III.G.9
Salkeld, 16665 Private Henry	10th Bn	16 Sep	II.G.4
Scales, 15240 Private Charles	10th Bn	16 Sep	II.E.19
Smith, 9687 Private John	15th Bn	16 Sep	I.L.8
Smith, 28151 Private Thomas	15th Bn	16 Sep	III.C.2
Temple, 22/268 Private Herbert	22nd Bn	14 Nov	I.F.12
Wagget, 31935 Private Christopher	10th Bn	16 Sep	I.C.28
Wesselhoeft, 2nd Lieutenant George	15th Bn	16 Sep	III.J.6
Wilson, 21/421 Private William	20th Bn	10 Oct	VIII.F.2

#### **Bancourt British Cemetery-30**

There is no Middlebrook commentary as Bancourt is outside the Somme area. All the DLI soldiers buried here, except Private North, were killed in action.

Atkinson, 22/319 Private Edwin Barclay, 2nd Lieutenant Henry Barker, 23295 Private Harry Blower, 10448 Lance Corporal Ernest Campbell, 3/12171 Private Arthur Copley, 30385 Private William Coulbeck, 42515 Private Thomas Davidson, 16046 Private Joseph Griffin, 25199 Sergeant John Hargreaves, 16228 Private Charles Hoggett, 15613 Private John Lamb, 20967 Private George Lee, 18/537 Private Arthur Leighton, 18/1149 Private George Lister, 25745 Private John Logan, 30817 Private Joseph Major, 4/52544 Private James Metcalfe, 32125 Private Edward North, 42547 Private Frank Robson, 22/278 Private Matthew Rowe, 22/1133 Sergeant Sidney Stamps, 20/899 Private Leonard Stephenson, 9203 Private John Stephenson, 30757 Lance Corporal Joseph Turton, 32665 Private Robert Waddle, 24848 Private John Wilson, 32538 Private James	22nd Bn 2nd Bn 11th Bn 2nd Bn 2nd Bn 2nd Bn 11th Bn 11th Bn 11th Bn 14th Bn 2nd Bn 14th Bn 2nd Bn 14th Bn 14th Bn 14th Bn	23 Oct 15	VI.D.14 VII.B.12 V.E.5 VII.J.11 VIII.B.11 VIII.H.9 VIII.D.19 V.D.3 V.E.7 V.E.2 VI.G.16 VI.L.5 VII.M.2 VI.F.9 VI.D.3 V.E.11 VIII.H.3 V.D.4 VI.K.13 V.E.3 V.J.10 IX.A.7 VI.K.5 VIII.F.3 VIII.F.3 VIII.D.10 V.F.15 VIII.H.17 VIII.A.6
Waddle, 24848 Private John Wilson, 32538 Private James Woods, 4/8684 Corporal Ernest			
Woodward, 26048 Lance Corporal Wilfred	ZIIU DII	15 000	VIII.F. 10

## Bazentin-le-Petit Communal Cemetery Extension - 7 Bazentin-le-Petit Military Cemetery - 11

The Communal Cemetery, a pretty soldiers' cemetery, was started soon after the capture of Bazentin. Its main feature is the number of graves of the 1st Northamptons who were fighting between Bazentin and High Wood.

The Military cemetery, up a pathway in the main village, is more orderly. There were a few early burials, but the main use was from October 1916 until the following spring when a dressing station operated here. Most of the graves are identified and are in neat rows. The gaps in the rows are the result of German graves being removed after the war.

#### Communal:

Aldridge, 2399 Private William Annett, 2nd Lieutenant Hugh Benison, 2995 Private John Fletcher, 2997 Private Thomas Gaughan, 1590 Private James McCann, 2nd Lieutenant William Wroe, 7012 Private George	7th Bn	7 Sep	E.I
	6th Bn	5 Sep	F.10
	7th Bn	21 Sep	H.I
	5th Bn	16 Sep	K.4
	7th Bn	21 Sep	H.2
	7th Bn	11 Oct	B.30
	7th Bn	23 Sep	F.4
Military: Bennett, 4004 Private David Coleman, 7243 Private James Gill, 17011 Private Herbert Harris, 3175 Corporal George Hodgson, 3686 Private Philip	7th Bn	7 Oct	A.8
	9th Bn	4 Nov	E.13
	13th Bn	6 Oct	A.3
	7th Bn	11 Nov	F.15
	8th Bn	5 Nov	E.14

5th Bn

7th Bn

17 Jul

11 Nov

Sp.Mem.

King, 20212 Private Austin

Mills, 2796 Bugler William

commercially

Shepherd, Captain Norman	7th Bn	4 Nov	A.13
Thursby, 4380 Private Matthew	7th Bn	27 Oct	D.17
Whiteford, 6188 Private Arthur	8th Bn	1 Nov	E.9
Woodward, 21605 Sergeant William	13th Bn	7 Oct	A. 7

#### **Becourt Military Cemetery, Becordel-Becourt- 18**

Just east of Albert are three lovely comrades' cemeteries, only one of which was added to after the war and that in such a way that the original character of the cemetery was not affected. All three were in the immediate rear of the La Boisselle-Fricourt sector of trenches. Becourt Military Cemetery is in a pretty wood setting in a valley on the quietest of country lanes. The main burials ended in April 1917. But, as so often happened in this area, there were more casualties in 1918 and the 18th (Eastern) Division buried over eighty of their men in a separate little plot at the side of the main cemetery.

Atkinson, 7/2368 Private Andrew	7th Bn	28 Oct	I.Y.22
Barnes, 11884 Lance Corporal Alfred	12th Bn	29 Jul	I.U.6
Cleamson, 9/2192 Lance Corporal John	9th Bn	8 Nov	I.Y.42
Colmer, 23872 Private William	12th Bn	8 Jul	I.S.5
Johnson, 6/2478 Private John	6th Bn	2 Oct	I.W.28
Johnson, 45928 Private Joseph	13th Bn	5 Oct	I.X.13
Mawson, 8/4176 Private William	8th Bn	22 Sep	I.W.19
Moody, 6/7143 Private George	6th Bn	2 Oct	I.W.33
Parkin, 6/4237 Lance Corporal Joseph	6th Bn	4 Oct	I.X.11
Robinson, 7/4172 Private Alfred	7th Bn	30 Oct	I.Y.23
Sammon, 8/3466 Private Owen	8th Bn	8 Nov	I.Y.33
Scott, 7/1797 Corporal Robert	7th Bn	7 Nov	I.Y.32
Stanger, 25508 Private John	12th Bn	9 Oct	I.X.22
Swain, 5/4363 Private Ernest	5th Bn	26 Oct	I.Y.14
Thompson, 20288 Private Edward	13th Bn	1 Oct	I.W.30
Thompson, 6/6111 Private Henry	6th Bn	24 Oct	I.Y.16
Wilson, Captain Hugh, MC	5th Bn	11 Sep	1.W.8
Wrightson, 7/3041 Private James	7th Bn	3 Oct	I.X.4

<u>Bernafay Wood British Cemetery</u>- 12 The only cemetery in the vicinity (Trones Wood) is Bernafay Wood British Cemetery. It lies on the reverse slope of Montauban Ridge, so that the rows of graves have a pleasing terraced aspect. The continuous rows which are situated away from the road constitute the original cemetery; the remaining graves are post-war concentration of which more than half are unknowns. The original graves are mostly identified, mostly being burials at a Dressing Station which was established here in the later stages of the 1916 battle and in the following winter.

Bowie, 1565 Private James	19th Bn	19 Jul	1.51
Brown (or Leck) 1048 Private Christopher	20th Bn	1 Oct	A.16
Clasper, 11498 Sergeant Henry	11th Bn	27 Aug	0.30
Cook, 2nd Lieutenant John	22nd Bn	23 Oct	D.31
Gray, 20993 Private Ralph	11th Bn	5 Sep	0.38
Heyward, 2nd Lieutenant Harry	15th Bn	10 Oct	D.29
Hughes, 1068 Private Bertram	22nd Bn	28 Oct	F.34
Leers, 11578 Private Frederick	14th Bn	28 Sep	M.22
McCarthy, 25276 Private James	11th Bn	13 Oct	F.27
Pounder, 32765 Private Thomas	11th Bn	6 Oct	A.22
Urwin, 17968 Private William	11th Bn	6 Oct	A.21
Walls, 1105 Private James	22nd Bn	24 Oct	D.32

#### **Contalmaison Chateau Cemetery-8**

Contalmaison once had a chateau which housed the German H.Q. before the fall of the village and its cellars were later used by the British as a dressing station. Contalmaison Chateau Cemetery was started in the chateau grounds and was used all through the summer of 1916 and again, briefly, in August 1918. Further graves were added after the war but the cemetery retains its battlefield character, its long use in 1916 being reflected in the great variety of regimental badges on the headstones.

Armstrong, 2nd Lieutenant Cecil	12th Bn	21 Sep	I.A.20
Bell, 15889 Private Francis	13th Bn	25 Sep	II.D.21
Bollands, 23266 Private Andrew	13th Bn	25 Sep	II.D.19
Bollom, 2nd Lieutenant Johnson	12th Bn	24 Sep	II.D.16
Coxon, 1595 Corporal John	7th Bn	15 Sep	I.B.15
Graham, 2270 Private James	7th Bn	9 Oct	II.C.30
Nixon, 46046 Private Adam	13th Bn	25 Sep	II.D.20
Shutt, 13621 Private Edward	12th Bn	23 Sep	II.D.17

#### **Daours Communal Cemetery Extension - 3**

10 miles east of Amiens, this cemetery commemorates Commonwealth servicemen, including three DLI soldiers. The first burials here were made between June and November 1916 and, as the Front moved, no further burials were made until April 1918.

The three DLI soldiers buried here died of wounds.

Henderson, 158353 Private George Thornton	12th Bn	25 Jul	I.C.15
Johnson, 4/9773 Private Charles	12th Bn	20 Jul	I.C.15
Young, 20297 Private Richard	15th Bn	3 Jul	II.A.27

#### **Dartmoor Cemetery, Becordal-Becourt - 18**

Another of the comrades cemeteries east of Albert, Dartmoor Cemetery was started by the 5th Division in August 1915. The 8th and 9th Devons who came soon afterwards with the 7th Division gave "Dartmoor" to the cemetery title.

All the DLI soldiers buried here died of wounds.

Armstrong, 9/2915 Lance Corporal Forster Brewis, 20/954 Lance Corporal Percy Brown, 3/10289 Lance Corporal Edward Coates, 20/327 Private George Gray, 45820 Private George Guthrie, 16369 Corporal Charles Harby, 5/4368 Private John Hindmarsh, 42701 Private Frederick Hornsby, 6/2784 Private Henry Hutchinson, 20/322 Sergeant George	9th Bn 20th Bn 10th Bn 20th Bn 20th Bn 10th Bn 5th Bn 6th Bn 20th Bn	16 Sep 1 Oct 16 Sep 11 Oct 30 Sep 16 Sep 20 Sep 16 Sep 11 Oct	II.A.5 II.D.15 II.D.50 II.D.5 II.A.26 II.C.5 II.C.35 II.A.55 II.D.46
Johnson, 5/2576 Lance Corporal William	5th Bn	15 Sep	II.A.48
Lynn, 4/9796 Private John	10th Bn	18 Sep	II.C.13
McKeand, 20/855 Private John	20th Bn	9 Oct	II.D.38
Pearson, 5/4407 Private Albert	5th Bn	16 Sep	II.A.51
Richmond, 20/500 Private Walter	20th Bn	11 Sep	I.A.10
Ross, 20/642 Private Thomas	20th Bn	17 Sep	II.A.67
Tindall, 5/3267 Lance Corporal Edward	5th Bn	15 Sep	II.A.27
Tytler, 2nd Lieutenant James	9th Bn	16 Sep	II.A.43

#### **Delville Wood Cemetery -13**

On the other side of the road (from the South African National Memorial) is Delville Wood Cemetery, the third largest cemetery on the Somme. This is entirely a post-war concentration cemetery with no original burials. Sixty five per cent of the graves are "unknowns", but the register entries of the remainder show that nearly all are from late July and from August and September of 1916 and the cemetery represents the many units of the British Army which fought in this area.

All the DLI soldiers buried here were killed in action.

14th Bn	18 Sep	XIII.O.6
10th Bn	12 Aug	IX.H.4
10th Bn	25 Aug	VII.G.8
19th Bn	18 Juľ	X.O.5
10th Bn	12 Aug	VI.E.7
10th Bn	28 Aug	XII.C.9
10th Bn	28 Aug	V.D.5
10th Bn	28 Aug	VI.I.8
10th Bn	29 Aug	VII.J.5
10th Bn	29 Aug	XIV.G.7
10th Bn	28 Aug	VII.B.3
13th Bn	4 Aug	XX.Q.3
19th Bn	18 Juľ	XVIII.O.1
	10th Bn 10th Bn 19th Bn 10th Bn 10th Bn 10th Bn 10th Bn 10th Bn 10th Bn 10th Bn	10th Bn 12 Aug 10th Bn 25 Aug 19th Bn 18 Jul 10th Bn 12 Aug 10th Bn 28 Aug 10th Bn 28 Aug 10th Bn 29 Aug 10th Bn 29 Aug 10th Bn 29 Aug 10th Bn 28 Aug 10th Bn 28 Aug

#### **Dernancourt Communal Cemetery Extension - 70**

Dernancourt was another important rear-area village during 1916, because the pre-war main railway line reached as far as the village and narrow-gauge lines ran from there to the battlefield. The village became the location for medical units which could evacuate their casualties quickly by train. Dernancourt Communal cemetery and Extension is the impressive reminder of how many unfortunate men did not survive to make the train journey. A long narrow plot along the side wall of the civilian cemetery was used for the first burials from September 1915 onwards, and for a few 1918 graves. The large extension was heavily used in the 1916 battle and again during the German, March 1918, offensive until the German advance came right up to Dernancourt which became part of No Man's Land. Further graves were made from the surrounding area after the end of the war, but that addition, Plots 8 and 10, at the right of the upper level, fits in well with the original cemetery.

All the DLI soldiers buried here died from wounds.

Allen, 6/3836 Private Francis	6th Bn	8 Nov	IV.B.7
Ayton, 5/2948 Private Benjamin	5th Bn	16 Sep	II.D.34
Blenkinsopp, 6/2632 Sergeant William	6th Bn	19 Sep	II.B.40
Brassington, 5/4268 Private James	5th Bn	30 Nov	IV.D.24
Brett, 8/4323 Private William	8th Bn	8 Nov	IV.B.I
Bulmer, 8/4078 Private Edward	8th Bn	4 Oct	III.E.28
Carabine, 12825 Corporal Hugh	12th Bn	2 Oct	III.D.20
Catford, Lieutenant Cyril	6th Bn	5 Oct	III.E.31
Caygill, 8/6541 Private Joseph	8th Bn	1 Oct	III.D.32
Coverdale, 9/7248 Private John	9th Bn	7 Nov	IV.B.14
Craggs, 5/3246 Private Charles	5th Bn	18 Sep	III.A.29
Douthwaite, 6/2086 Private George	6th Bn	25 Sep	III.C.27
Eddon, 9/7510 Private William	9th Bn	7 Nov	IV.B.I 3
Forster, Lieutenant William	8th Bn	22 Sep	III.B.40
Frazer, 9/3085 Private Richard	9th Bn	7 Nov	IV.B.17
Gallant, 5/9346 Private William	5th Bn	13 Nov	IV.A.13
Geldart, 5/2964 Private Edward	5th Bn	19 Sep	II.A.27
Gooding, 5/1893 Sergeant Cyril	5th Bn	18 Sep	II.B.29
Grant, 7/3021 Private William	7th Bn	20 Sep	II.A.30
Green, 8/6191 Private Charles	8th Bn	9 Nov	IV.A.31
Hamilton, 4/9729 Private George	10th Bn	28 Aug	I.B.31
Harle, 7/7271 Corporal John	7th Bn	15 Oct	III.G.27
Harrison, 301881 Private Daniel	8th Bn	29 Nov	IV.D.30
Hart, 5/4345 Private Walter	5th Bn	20 Sep	II.A.32
Hird, 16049 Private Ralph	12th Bn	10 Oct	III.P.7

Holliday, 9/1489 Lance Corporal John Hood, 9/2659 Private William Hutchinson, 9/4621 Private James Johnson, 6/2050 Private Frederick Joyce, 8/6155 Private Michael Kay, 12641 Private Thomas Kelly, 9/3509 Private William Marsh, 8/6636 Private Thomas Maughan, 6/2068 Corporal William Morrison, 5/4366 Private Jim Morrow, 8/6620 Private John Mustart, 5/9384 Private Victor	9th Bn 9th Bn 9th Bn 6th Bn 8th Bn 10th Bn 9th Bn 6th Bn 5th Bn 8th Bn	10 Nov 6 Nov 16 Sep 18 Sep 5 Nov 13 Aug 29 Sep 24 Sep 2 Oct 17 Sep 3 Oct 12 Nov	IV.A.30 IV.B.15 II.B.9 II.C.38 IV.B.26 I.C.12 II.C.2 II.C.28 III.D.15 III.A.37 III.D.18 IV.A.19
McArdle, 8/8360 Private Michael	8th Bn	2 Oct	III.D.25
McLeavey, 19743 Lance Corporal Peter	12th Bn	24 Sep	III.C.29
Newell, 8/3115 Private John Newton, 6/1703 Private Harry	8th Bn 6th Bn	7 Nov 2 Oct	IV.B.8 III.D.36
Ninham, 9/7062 Private Arthur	9th Bn	8 Nov	IV.B.6
Parker, 11850 Sergeant Matthew	10th Bn	30 Aug	I.B.32
Patten, 12/900 Private Edward	12th Bn	24 Sep	III.C.38
Pearce, 7/4353 Private James	7th Bn	2 Oct	III.D.16
Pedwell, 8/2450 Lance Corporal Joseph Pierson, 6/4747 Private Thomas	8th Bn 6th Bn	19 Sep 3 Oct	II.A.24 III.D.21
Pringle, 7/3440 Private Joseph	7th Bn	24 Sep	III.C.20
Richardson, 7/2925 Private Thomas	7th Bn	16 Sep	II.C.26
Robinson, 9/1976 Private Roger Rogers, 13831 Private James	9th Bn 12th Bn	9 Oct 9 Oct	III.F.27 III.F.19
Ronan, 16643 Private James	10th Bn	14 Aug	I.C.17
Scrowther, 7/1416 Lance Corporal John	9th Bn	7 Nov	IV.B.1
Smith, 6/3371 Private Arthur	6th Bn	11 Nov	IV.A.33
Smith, 3307 Private Frank Smith, 6/2939 Private George	8th Bn 6th Bn	6 Nov 9 Nov	IV.B.25 IV.B.4
Smith, 6/3433 Private Robert	6th Bn	19 Sep	II.A.26
Spencer, Captain Harry	9th Bn	17 Nov	IV.C.32
Thew, 7/3044 Private Robert	7th Bn	25 Sep	III.C.25
Thompson, 9/7174 Private John	9th Bn	7 Nov	IV.B.9
Trainer, 8/6684 Private John Vipond, 16429 Private John, MM	8th Bn 13th Bn	7 Nov 14 Oct	IV.B.18 III.G.26
Walker, 7/1870 Private John	7th Bn	21 Nov	IV.C.16
Wallace, 2nd Lieutenant Robinson	8th Bn	2 Oct	II.D.26
Watson, 13267 Lance Sergeant James	13th Bn	2 Oct	IU.D.19
Watson, 6/4006 Lance Corporal Jacob	6th Bn	9 Nov	IV.A.32
Webster, 6/5563 Private George Wharton, 5/2842 Private Arthur	5th Bn 5th Bn	11 Nov 16 Sep	IV.A.17 II.C.22
Whitfield, 16560 Lance Corporal Robert	12th Bn	25 Sep	III.C.16
Wray, 6/2976 Private John	6th Bn	5 Oct	III.E.17

#### **Dive Copse British Cemetery** - 7

A Main Dressing Station, commanded by an officer called Dive, was located nearby. The 1916 casualties were buried in the long rows of Plots 1 and 2 in the centre and right of the cemetery. I could not help but think of the suffering which took place at the Dressing Station (which was located behind the Cross of Sacrifice) and led to so many men dying before they could reach the surgical facilities and proper nursing of a Casualty Clearing Station. The first three rows of Plot 3 were made after the August 1918 fighting and the remainder of that plot was concentrated after the war.

All the DLI soldiers buried here died of wounds.

Bell, 19/589 Lance Corporal William	19th Bn	18 Jul	II.C.12
Halliday, 19/471 Private Richard	19th Bn	18 Jul	I.A.7

Keegan, 27272 Private Francis	11th Bn	1 Sep	I.B.2
Lawlor, 19/805 Sergeant John	19th Bn	24 Aug	I.B.6
Murgatroyd, 19/827 Private James	19th Bn	24 Aug	II.G.15
Tulip, 19/551 Private Thomas	19th Bn	18 Jul	II.C.14
Wilson, 19/1063 Private Robert	19th Bn	18 Jul	II.D.21

#### **Euston Road Cemetery, Colincamps** - 12

Euston Road Cemetery is on the lane along which so many men marched up to the trenches from Colincamps. It was a comrades cemetery, but the burials did not start when the British troops came here in 1915 but after the 1 July 1916 attack, when 139 men, nearly all of the 31st Division, were buried, men who were shelled in the British trenches, who died of wounds before being evacuated to the rear, or whose bodies were recovered at night from the British side of No Man's Land. Their burials were well back from the road in the continuous rows of Plot 1 which formed the original cemetery. The first two rows and part of the fourth are all 1 July graves, some of which have nice personal inscriptions including all the 'Durhams' graves.

At the end of the war these graves were linked to the road by a large concentration of graves from the surrounding area. Just inside is a row of memorial headstones of men believed to be buried in the cemetery.

All the DLI soldiers buried here, with the exception of Private Bennett, were killed in action.

Atkinson, 12204 Private John	11th Bn		I.D.25
Bennett, 18/230 Private James	18th Bn	1 Jul	I.B.20
Buckle, 18/19 Sergeant Thomas	18th Bn	1 Jul	I.B.I
Corker, 18/249 Sergeant Richard	18th Bn	1 Jul	I.B.47
Errington, 18/487 Private John	18th Bn	1 Jul	I.B.49
Galland, 18/1183 Private Arthur	18th Bn	1 Jul	I.A.52
Gilbert, 18/278 Lance Corporal Robert	18th Bn	1 Jul	I.A.28
Harrison, 18/1591 Private Thomas	18th Bn	1 Jul	I.B.36
Hatton, 18/76 Lance Corporal William	18th Bn	1 Jul	I.D. 11
Robson, 18/833 Sergeant Robert	18th Bn	1 Jul	I.A.27
Simpson, Lieutenant George	18th Bn	4 Jul	I.B.59
Smurthwaite, 18/594 Private William	18th Bn	1 Jul	I.B.21

#### Flatiron Copse Cemetery - 18

Further up the track (from Mametz village to Bazentin) is Flatiron Copse Cemetery, so named from a small piece of woodland on the opposite side of the track. It is most attractively located, on a slope, with Mametz Wood behind. The headstones are not of the normal type of Portland stone but appear to be of a soft type of granite. The line of the northern boundary wall was almost exactly the line on which the left battalions of the 7th Division - the 8th Devons and 2nd Border - deployed for their successful dawn attack against Bazentin on 14 July.

A Dressing Station was established here soon after that date and made the graves in the continuous rows which now form Plot 1 (including 8 Durham graves). The remainder of the cemetery is post-war concentrations from the surrounding battlefields.

Armstrong, 9/2445 Private Thomas Brackenbury, 3958 Private George	9th Bn 7th Bn	15 Sep 1 Oct	I.F.38 VII.H.1
Brown, 9/2535 Private Robert	9th Bn	2 Oct	I.G.34
Craig, 28704 Private William	15th Bn	15 Jul	VII.D.5
Cullen, 6/1867 Private Peter	6th Bn	21 Sep	I.F.30
Donkin, 17308 Private John	15th Bn	17 Jul	IX.K.10
Frost, 2nd Lieutenant Joshua	8th Bn	29 Sep	II.F.6
Gatenby, 6/6042 Private Edward	6th Bn	21 Sep	I.F.32
Landers, 4034 Private John	7th Bn	10 Sep	II.D.2
McKie, 1958 Sergeant Daniel	9th Bn	16 Sep	II.E.16
Scandle, 9/1586 Private Andrew	9th Bn	15 Sep	LF.41
Taylor, 8/4161 Private John	8th Bn	21 Sep	I.F.28
Thornton, 3219 Corporal Ralph	7th Bn	1 Oct	XI.J.8
Waller, 3508 Private George	7th Bn	1 Oct	XI.J.10
Whitfield, 8/2051 Corporal William	8th Bn	21 Sep	I.F.27

Wilkes, 2290 Private Henry	5th Bn	16 Sep	VII.I.I
Wilson, 45752 Private Ralph	15th Bn	16 Jul	I.H.10
Wilson, 2118 Lance Corporal Samuel	7th Bn	1 Oct	XI.J.9

#### Gordon Dump Cemetery, La Boisselle - 31

Half a mile across the fields (from La Boisselle), in what was once the German rear, is Gordon Dump cemetery. Many of the graves are unidentified by name though often they are identified by regiment. A lane once ran from La Boisselle to Contalmaison, passing the south-eastern side of the cemetery. This is mostly a concentration cemetery and it was laid out after the war with a frontage on that lane with its entrance in the middle of the wall by the lane. Unfortunately the lane fell into disuse and disappeared so that a new entrance to the cemetery had to be made at the other end of the cemetery. This results in a long walk from the nearest road and the view on entering the cemetery is now completely different from that intended by the architect. The first graves here were made on the battlefield in July 1916; they are in the two continuous rows just inside the present gateway (and include all the Durham graves). The post-war concentration process was a local one and reflects the local fighting.

All the DLI soldiers buried here were killed in action.

#### **Grove Town Cemetery, Meaulte - 34**

Five roads or tracks fanned out northwards from Bray to cross a wide, almost featureless plateau to reach the "old front line" trench sectors between Fricourt and Maricourt. Grove Town Cemetery is alongside one of those tracks. It was made after September 1916 when a railway was constructed to this point allowing Casualty Clearing Stations to be provided closer to the fighting area. The first men to be buried died following the battle of 15

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Only believed to be buried here.

September and are buried in Row C, on the right of the entrance.

All the DLI soldiers buried here died of wounds.

#### **Guards Cemetery, Lesboeufs** - 33

The Guards cemetery was started when forty men, most or all from the 3nd Grenadiers killed on 25 September, were buried at the side of the road in what is now Plot 1, to the left of the entrance. The remainder of the cemetery was a post-war concentration from the surrounding area. It is one of the most beautiful of the concentration cemeteries. It is situated on a high bank above a sunken road and the cemetery architect designed a particularly attractive entrance to the bank.

All the DLI soldiers buried here were killed in action.

Boocock, 22242 Private James	2nd Bn	26 Sep	X.C.9
Broad, 42507 Private Walter	2nd Bn	16 Sep	X.S.7
Brown, 22/490 Sergeant Stanley	22nd Bn	24 Nov	III.Z.6
Bulmer, 22/1055 Private Walter	22nd Bn	14 Nov	IX.X.9
Carr, 17278 Pte, James	14th Bn	18 Sep	IV.Z.9
Cook, 13754 Private John	14th Bn	18 Sep	IX.U.7
Craggs, 32108 Private James	2nd Bn	26 Sep	X.J.9
Daniel, 42857 Private Harry	22nd Bn	14 Nov	IX.X.7
Dixon, 26149 Private John	14th Bn	18 Sep	V.Z.6
Ellis, 45832 Private James	11th Bn	7 Oct	IX. A. 4
Fallon, 31418 Private James	2nd Bn	26 Sep	IX.N.9
Gibson, 13581 Private Norman	2nd Bn	26 Sep	IX.N.10

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Company Sergeant Major.

Gray, 16332 Private James	14th Bn	18 Sep	VIII.S.7
Gray, 26957 Private Thomas	14th Bn	27 Sep	VII.R.10
Herd, Captain Oswald	14th Bn	24 Sep	XII.K.9
Hodgson, Captain Clarence	14th Bn	18 Sep	XIII.V.6
Hughes, 24560 Private John	14th Bn	8 Sep	X.Z.I
Jowsey, 21/36 Private William	14th Bn	18 Sep	V.Z.8
Laidler, 15427 Private John	14th Bn	18 Sep	XI.Q.9
Lane, 42882 Private Joseph	22nd Bn	23 Oct	XI.X.10
Marwood, 42887 Private Charles	22nd Bn	23 Oct	V.U.5
Meikle, 2nd Lieutenant Robert	2nd Bn	15 Sep	XII.C.6
Milne, Lieutenant Alexander	14th Bn	18 Sep	XI.Q.10
Moffatt, 22/427 Corporal Thomas	22nd Bn	24 Nov	XII.D.I
McGeeney, 27320 Private James	2nd Bn	27 Sep	X.J.8
Partlen, 15632 Corporal John	14th Bn	18 Sep	VIII.S.3
Pearson, 42901 Private George	22nd Bn	14 Nov	IX.X.8
Rayment, 16777 Sergeant Richard	14th Bn	18 Sep	V.Z.5
Scrafton, 45475 Private Frederick	14th Bn	27 Sep	I.U.5
Smith, 42779 Private Herbert	14th Bn	28 Sep	VII.R.9
Smith, 23190 Private William	14th Bn	18 Sep	VIII.S.5
Smurthwaite, 22/421 Sergeant Thomas	22nd Bn	23 Oct	V.U.8
Ward, 3/12303 Private Frederick	2nd Bn	26 Sep	X.J.7
Ward, 22/94 Private Thomas	22nd Bn	11 Nov	IX.B.5
Wild, 2nd Lieutenant Arthur	14th Bn	18 Sep	IX.U.8

#### **Heilly Station Cemetery - 55**

Heilly Station Cemetery served a group of three CCSs (Casualty Clearing Station), which bore the brunt of the congestion (from early casualties). Ambulances from the front reached that place first; ambulances from the rear reached it last. The cemetery bears witness to what happened. The rows of Plot 1 (4 Durham graves) and part of Plot 2, at the left rear of the cemetery, show how men died in such numbers that burial parties had to bury men on top of each other; most of the headstones show three names. Approximately 260 men died in the first week of July, an appalling mortality rate. Most of these casualties came from the centre and south of the battlefront, from the La Boisselle, Fricourt, Mametz and Montauban areas. The congestion was eventually cleared, but the manner in which the 1916 battle developed on the southern wing of the original attack front resulted in the CCSs at Heilly being heavily used all through the battle and most are of men who died of wounds here in 1916.

All the DLI soldiers buried here, died from wounds, with the exception of Private Martin, who died from disease.

Jones, 4/9768 Private John Laws, 16543 Private George Lindsey, 20/206 Sergeant James Lines, 22018 Lance Corporal Cecil Manners, 20/539 Private William Martin, 7/2988 Private Robert Mawson, 18/1629 Private John Metcalf, 45708 Private William Moody, 15995 CQMS William, MM <sup>3</sup> Moore, 23579 Private William Morren, 4392 Private John Mcllwrath, 19153 Private James Oliver, 20/1 Corporal Michael Parker, 19144 Private William Paxton, 20/1030 Private Ronald Peart, 23257 Private John Peart, 20/593 Private William Pickering, 20/932 Private George Price, 5/3795 Private James Ramsey, 21837 Private Charles Searle, 28148 Private Ralph Shaw, 45722 Private Thomas Stephenson, 28251 Private George Suddick, 17561 Private Robert Walshaw, 20/336 Private George Walton, 3/9874 Lance Corporal Edgar Williams, 10324 CSM Charles  **Torporal Cecil **Torpora	9th Bn 15th Bn 10th Bn 13th Bn 20th Bn 20th Bn 15th Bn 15th Bn 15th Bn 15th Bn 15th Bn 15th Bn 12th Bn 15th Bn	19 Sep 18 Sep 30 Aug 11 Oct 2 Jul 12 Sep 28 Sep 29 Aug 17 Sep 19 Jul 17 Sep 19 Jul 17 Oct 17 Oct 17 Sep 18 Sep 20 Sep 18 Sep 10 Oct 17 Sep 18 Sep 20 Sep 18 Sep 20 Sep 10 Oct 12 Sep 11 Oct 12 Oct 13 Sep 14 Oct 15 Sep 16 Oct 17 Sep 18 Sep 18 Sep 19 Oct 11 Oct 11 Oct 12 Sep 11 Oct 12 Sep	IV.E.44 IV.F.14 III.G.59 III.D.2 IV.J.30 I.B.26 IV.C.66 III.G.26 IV.E.43 IV.D.75 III.G.51 II.A.57 II.H.55 II.D.42 IV.J.26 I.F.14 III.B.46 IV.B.85 V.B.27 II.H.23 IV.D.37 IV.J.45 II.H.8 IV.E.57 V.D.33 III.B.40 IV.C.64 Sp.Mem.15 IV.H.7 V.B.5
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#### La Neuville British Cemetery - 9

This cemetery is a typical 1916 Casualty Clearing Station cemetery. It started with seventy men who died of wounds received on 1 July, now buried in Plot 1, Row A, mostly 18th and 30th Division casualties from the Mametz and Montauban areas.

All the DLI soldiers buried here, died from wounds.

Booth, 3/24094 Private Thomas	2nd Bn	17 Sep	II.E.65
Cunningham, 19/19 CSM Stephen <sup>5</sup>	19th Bn	20 Jul	I.C.73
Dobbs, 19/831 Lance Sergeant Thomas	19th Bn	19 Jul	I.C.64
Dreyer, 19/503 Lance Corporal Rowntree	19th Bn	19 Jul	I.C.45
Farrell, 10279 Sergeant James	10th Bn	29 Aug	I.B.9
Jackson, 19/108 Private Samuel	19th Bn	18 Jul	I.C.35
Noble, 13781 Private John	11th Bn	4 Sep	II.B.45
Scott, 21437 Lance Corporal Joseph	11th Bn	5 Sep	II.C.II
Wood, 21/187 Private John	19th Bn	25 Aug	II.A.59

#### Serre Road Cemetery No.1 - 12 Serre Road Cemetery No.2 - 9

**No.1** Cemetery is a good example of a battlefield cemetery expanded by a post-war concentration of burials to link up with the road. A visit should start at the back of the cemetery, on the left. Rows G to A of Plot 1 should be then identified. These seven rows were the original cemetery made by V Corps in May 1917. The graves were mainly of men who died on 1 July 1916 near the junction of the 4th and 31st Divisions. There are many

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Company Quartermaster Sergeant.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Company Sergeant Major.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Company Sergeant Major.

West Yorks, and Durhams from the 31st Division (in fact all the Durham graves are of 18th Battalion men who were killed on 1 July).

More than 2000 graves were added to the cemetery after the war.

**No.2** Another cemetery on the Serre Road and the largest cemetery on the Somme, a magnificent sight with an open front and forty-one plots of graves rising up the slope of the Redan Ridge. This is mainly a concentration cemetery, one so large that the original graves of 1 July and 13 November 1916, around which it was built, can hardly be seen from the road; they are in rows set at an angle just behind the Stone of Remembrance. The 489 graves there were the original Serre Road No. 2 made by V Corps in 1917 from bodies found in the immediate area. There are now over 7000 graves, many of them unidentified. It is best regarded as a cemetery representing the whole of the 1916 Battle of the Somme because the men buried there came from nearly every part of the battlefield.

All the DLI soldiers buried here were killed in action.

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Brydon, 18/693 Sergeant John	18th Bn	1 Jul	I.C.21
Gardner, 18/752 Private Tom	18th Bn	1 Jul	I.B.57
Grieves, 8/755 Private Edward	18th Bn	1 Jul	I.A.19
Hall, 18/763 Sergeant John	18th Bn	1 Jul	I.G.51
Needham, 18/1489 Private Herbert	18th Bn	1 Jul	I.E.22
Newby, 18/814 Private Harry	18th Bn	1 Jul	I.G.50
Purdy, 18/1622 Private Robert	18th Bn	1 Jul	I.B.2
Robson, 18/836 Private John	18th Bn	1 Jul	I.C.23
Scott, 18/844 Lance Sergeant Henry	18th Bn	1 Jul	I.G.47
Taylerson, 18/961 Lance Corporal Robert	18th Bn	1 Jul	I.B.4
Thornton, 18/882 Private Albert	18th Bn	1 Jul	I.G.48
Thornton, 18/1306 Private Charles	18th Bn	1 Jul	I.E.36

#### No.2

2nd Bn	16 Sep	XXX.B.14
20th Bn	16 Sep	XLI.B.3
13th Bn	8 Jul	XXXVI.M.?
6th Bn	16 Sep	XXX.F.12
20th Bn	15 Sep	XXIX.M.9
5th Bn	15 Sep	XXXV.C.6
13th Bn	18 Jul	V.B.13
5th Bn	15 Sep	XXXV.C.7
19th Bn	19 Jul	XXXV.F.6
	20th Bn 13th Bn 6th Bn 20th Bn 5th Bn 13th Bn 5th Bn	20th Bn 16 Sep 13th Bn 8 Jul 6th Bn 16 Sep 20th Bn 15 Sep 5th Bn 15 Sep 13th Bn 18 Jul 5th Bn 15 Sep

#### **Warlencourt British Cemetery - 122**

This is an impressive and important cemetery containing the dead of the units which attacked the Butte and also those which fought in that large area of battlefield all the way back to Martinpuich, High Wood and Flers which has no other cemeteries. It is an excellent example of a concentration cemetery, carefully and attractively laid out, and with its impressive entrance on a main road for easy access by visitors. This cemetery (with the A.I.F. Burial Ground) is the fifth largest British cemetery on the Somme. It was made very soon after the war, in late 1919, but even then more than half of the bodies could not be identified. There are a lot of late 1916 graves, Durhams, Northumberlands, Londons, South Africans and New Zealanders who fought here and to the east of here in October.

All the DLI soldiers buried here, with the exception of Private Watson who died from wounds, were killed in action.

Alderson, 7230 Private William	9th Bn	5 Nov	I.D.29
Applegarth, 2nd Lieutenant Thomas	6th Bn	5 Nov	I.J.20
Armstrong, 2636 Corporal James, MM	6th Bn	1 Oct	VIII.G.18
Ashwin, Lieutenant Guy	5th Bn	7 Nov	IB. 11
Atkinson, 300470 Private Joseph	8th Bn	5 Nov	VIII.D.33
Bailey, 5610 Private George	6th Bn	5 Nov	VII.D.22
Barker, 250146 Private Norman	6th Bn	5 Nov	VIII.D.31

Brown, 1672 Private Alfred   6th Bn 5 Nov   VIII.B.7	3429 Private Fred , 1755 Sergeant George 5546 Private George 6533 Private Frederick 8th Bn 5 Nov 6533 Private Edward 6th Bn 5 Nov 61821 Private Henry 2082 Private John , 2435 Private Patrick 19 Private Patrick 19 Private Patrick 19 Private William 8 Private Richard 10, 2769 Private William 102 Sergeant William 1037 Private George 104 Private Anthony 105 Private Herbert 105 Private Herbert 105 Lieutenant John 105 Private Horbans 106 Private Horbans 107 Private William 108 Private Anthony 108 Private Herbert 108 Private Horbans 109 Private William 100 Private William 100 Private William 100 Private Milliam 100 Private Herbert 101 Private William 102 Private Horbans 103 Private Horbans 103 Private Horbans 1040 Private Horbans 105 Nov 106 Private Robert 106 Private Robert 107 Private Jeremiah 108 Private Horbans 108 Private Horbans 108 Private Horbans 109 Private Horbans 109 Private Horbans 109 Private Horbans 100 Private Horbans 100 Private Horbans 100 Private Horbans 100 Private Horbans 101 Private Horbans 102 Private Horbans 103 Corporal James 1040 Private Horbans 105 Nov 106 Private Horbans 107 Private Horbans 108 Private Horbans 108 Private Horbans 109 Private Horbans 100 Private Horban	VIII.E.38 VIII.B. 10 VIII. J. 18 I.J.25 VII.D.46 VIII.D.6 III. J. 17 II.E.6 I.J.13 I.A.3 VIII.K.38 I.J.27 VIII.F.27 VIII.F.17 VIII.C.36 VIII.C.36 VIII.C.36 VIII.C.38 VIII.C.39 VIII.C.30
Malia, 2946 Corporal William 7th Bn 5 Nov III.J.15		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Also number 307825.