

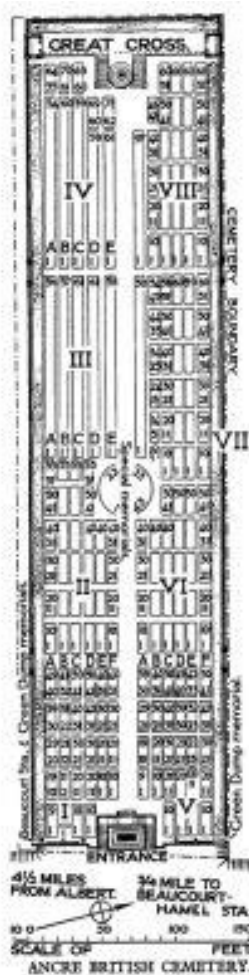
Private William Charles North

21418 14th Battalion Hampshire Regiment



William North was born in Overton, Hampshire and appears on the censuses of 1901 and 1911 as living in Red Lion Lane with parents William and Elizabeth. In 1911 he was a house painter. He enrolled in the 4th Hampshire Regiment and at the time of his death was serving in the 14th Battalion, Hampshire Regiment.

He was killed on 3rd September 1916, aged approximately 31 years old and is buried in Ancre British Cemetery, V E 41, Beaumont-Hamel, France.



This is a reburial from the RND Cemetery which was in open country midway between Beaumont-Hamel and Hamel. This cemetery contained the graves of 336 officers and men from the United Kingdom. The reburial record is date stamped 8 October 1919.

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Beaumont-Hamel was attacked on 1st July 1916 without success with a further attack on 3rd September but the village was not taken by the allies until November 1916. Following the German withdrawal to the Hindenburg Line in spring 1917 the battlefield was cleared and a number of cemeteries created, including Ancre River No. 1 British Cemetery, now known as Ancre British Cemetery. After the Armistice the cemetery was greatly enlarged when many more graves from the battlefields and from small burial grounds including RND Cemetery were moved there.

William North was awarded the Victory and British medals.

Name.		Corps.	Rank.	Regtl. No.
NORTH		Amphs. R.	Pte	21418
William C.				
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.	
VICTORY	C/1103 B21	1985		
BRITISH	∞	∞		
STAR				
Theatre of War first served in				
Date of entry therein				

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These photographs taken in September 2016 illustrate the now green cratered ground and preserved trenches at Beaumont-Hamel.

