

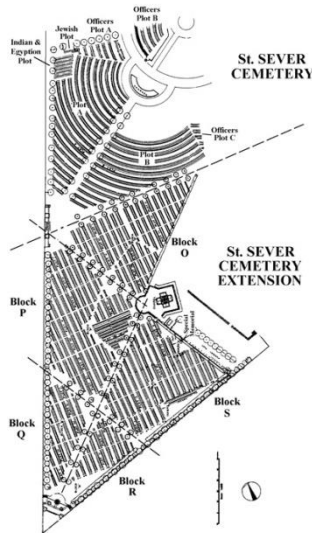
Walter James Oram

Private Walter James Oram
50864 2nd Battalion Welsh Regiment



Walter Oram was born in Overton, Hampshire. He enlisted in Overton and was serving with the 2nd Battalion, Welsh Regiment when he died of his wounds on 24th September 1916.

He is buried in St Sever Cemetery, Rouen, reference B 18 39.



During the First World War, Commonwealth camps and hospitals were stationed on the southern outskirts of Rouen. A base supply depot and the 3rd Echelon of General Headquarters were also established in the city.

Almost all of the hospitals at Rouen remained there for practically the whole of the war. They included eight general, five stationary, one British Red Cross and one labour hospital, and No. 2 Convalescent Depot. A number of the dead from these hospitals were buried in other cemeteries, but the great majority were taken to the city cemetery of St. Sever. In September 1916, it was found necessary to begin an extension, where the last burial took place in April 1920.

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A summary of the 2nd Battalion Welsh Regiment War Diary for September 1916 records them:

- 1 September in reserve at Albert
- 2 Sept moved up to Losenge Wood
- 5 Sept moved up to Mametz Wood
- 8 Sept attack on enemy front line in High Wood. Heavy casualties including 132 ORs wounded
- 9 Sept relieved and moved to Mametz Wood
- 11 Sept Henencourt Wood
- 12 Sept Franvilliers
- 16 Sept Henencourt Wood
- 18 Sept Black Wood
- 21 Sept - 25th N Flers with help of tanks including 89 ORs wounded

We cannot know if Walter was in either of these lists of casualties, as we do not know how long before his death he was wounded. However, he must have known men who participated in events in these locations and were wounded or died there.

Private Walter James Oram was awarded the Victory and British medals.

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