

In Memory of
Private
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25336, 19th Bn., Manchester Regiment who died on 21 April 1917 Age 19

Son of Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, of 86, Victoria Rd., Hale, Altrincham.

Remembered with Honour
London Cemetery, Neuville-Vitasse



Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Private Stanley Smith

19th Battalion, Manchester Regiment, (4th Manchester Pals)

Died: 21 April 1917 Age: 19

How Died: Killed in Action

Country of burial: France

Cemetery or Memorial: "Special Memorial" in the London Cemetery, Neuville-Vitasse, Pas de Calais

Town Memorial: Hale

Extra Information:

Born during the September quarter 1897 in the Altrincham R.D. - ref: 8a/194, the elder son of Edward & Elizabeth Smith (nee Davidson).

1901 Census - 67 Ashfield Road, Altrincham. Son - aged: 3 - born: Altrincham. Head of household - Edward Smith - Married - aged: 43 - occ: Joiner Builder - born: Altrincham. Also Elizabeth Smith - Wife - aged: 29 - born: Altrincham. Plus his paternal uncle and 1 domestic servant.

1911 Census - 68 Victoria Road, Hale. Son - aged: 13 - born: Altrincham. Head of household - Edward Smith - Married - aged: 56 - occ: Joiner Builder - born: Altrincham. Also Elizabeth Smith - Wife - aged: 39 - born: Altrincham. Plus his 2 younger siblings.

Attended the Bradbury School, Hale. Member of the Bowdon Presbyterian Church Choir. Employed by Messrs. George Peake & Co, Portland St, Manchester.

Enlisted in July 1916 and drafted to the front in November 1916. MIC only confirms that he was awarded just the BWM & the VM - no other details.

The 19th (Service) Battalion (4th City) was formed in Manchester on the 28th August 1914 by the Lord Mayor and City. Initially established at Heaton Park but moved in April 1915 to Belton Park, Grantham where they were placed under the command of the 30th Division, 90th Brigade. Moved on to Larkhill in

September 1915 and on the 6th November 1915, they landed at Boulogne, France. On the 21st December 1915 they were transferred to the 21st Brigade, still within the 30th Division.

Involved in the Battles of the Scarpe 1917 when he was killed two days before the start of the Second Battle of the Scarpe. Death reported in the 08/05/1917 edition of the Altrincham Guardian.

CWGC - London Cemetery contains 747 burials and commemorations of the First World War. 318 of the burials are unidentified and on a screen wall are panels bearing the names of casualties buried in the following four cemeteries, whose graves were destroyed by shell fire:-

WANCOURT ROAD CEMETERY No.2, just East of NEUVILLE-VITASSE; NEUVILLE0-VITASSE MILL CEMETERY, close to a German strong point on the road to Mercatel; BEAURAINS ROAD CEMETERY No.2, just North-West of NEUVILLE-VITASSE; BEAURAINS GERMAN CEMETERY; and ERCHIN GERMAN CEMETERY (Nord).

Listed in the Guardian Year Book - Roll of Honour for 1918.

Memorials found on:

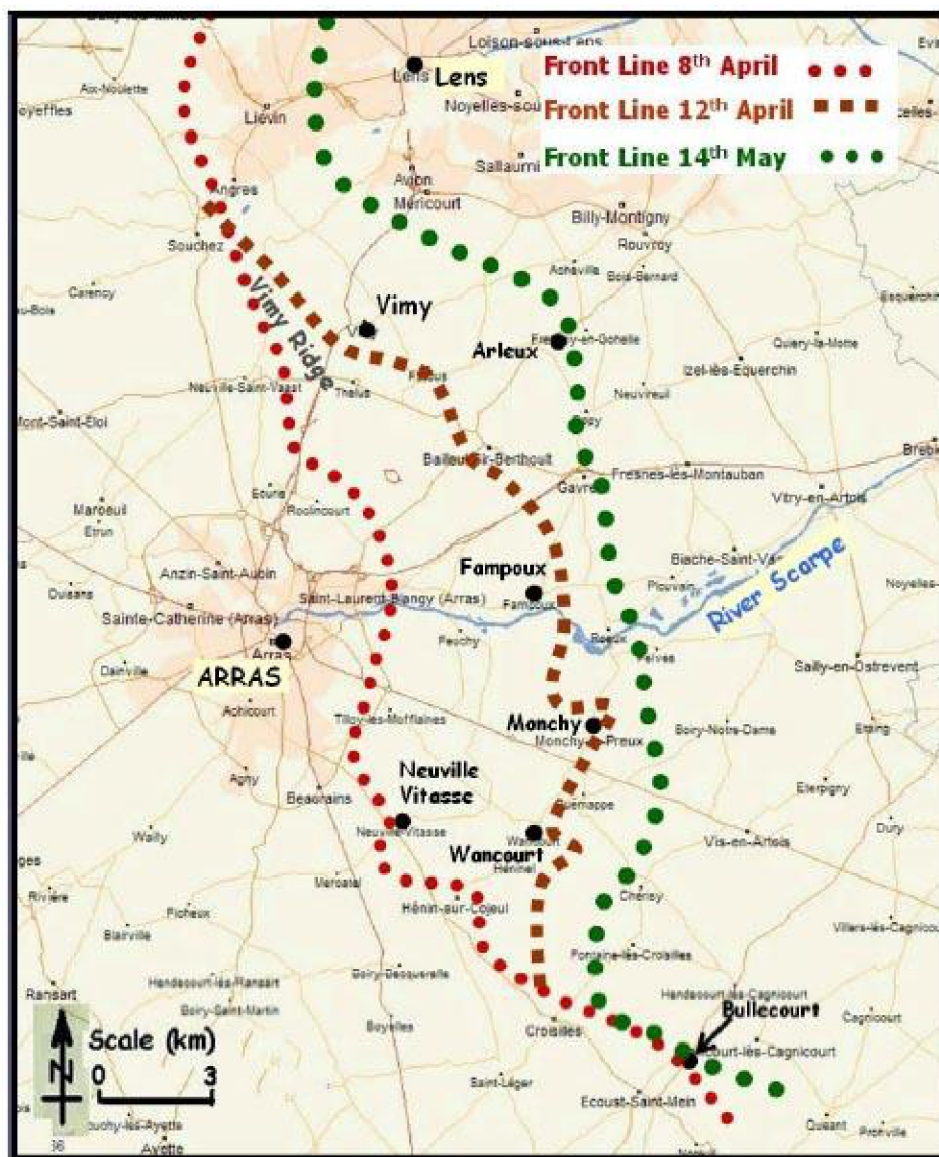
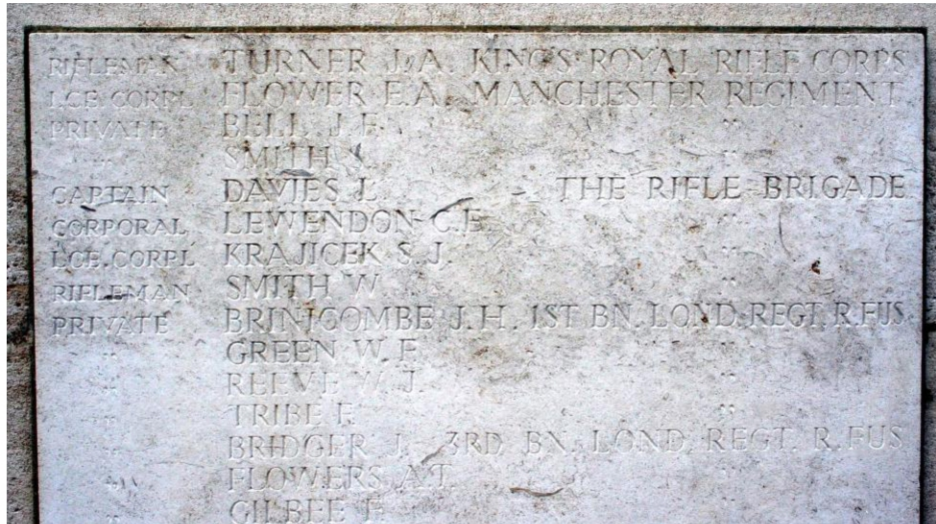
Trinity Presbyterian Church, Altrincham

St. John's Church, Altrincham

St. Margaret's Church, Altrincham

Altrincham & District Roll of Honour

Stanley's Grave has been lost by later shelling. He is now commemorated on a Special Memorial in the London Cemetery, Neuville-Vitasse.



British Offensive Battles of Arras 1917