

In Memory of

EDWARD DARE EVANS

Serjeant

6/1526

Canterbury Regiment, N.Z.E.F.

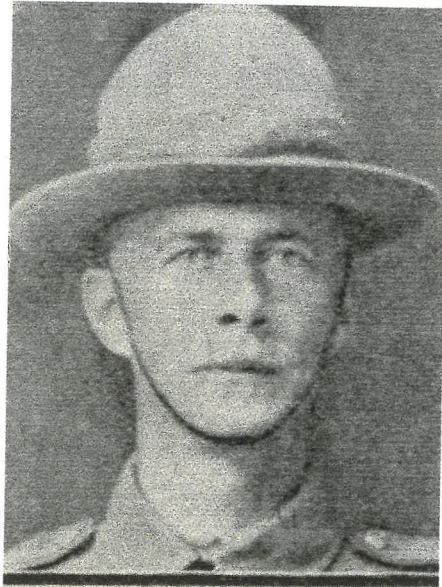
who died on

Sunday, 30th May 1915.

Commemorative Information

- Cemetery:** ALEXANDRIA (CHATBY) MILITARY AND WAR MEMORIAL CEMETERY,
Egypt
- Grave Reference/
Panel Number:** L. 143.
- Location:** Chatby is a district on the eastern side of the city of Alexandria, between the main dual carriageway to Aboukir (known as Al Horaya) and the sea. The Cemetery is located centrally within the main Alexandria Cemetery complex, which is bordered by Al Horaya on the south and the electric tramway which is parallel with Sharia Champollion on the north. Visitors can reach the entrance to the cemetery along the road Sharia Anubis, which lies centrally north/south through the cemetery area. This cemetery has a central front entrance building with a metal gate/grill secured archway leading into it from two small grassed areas which form part of the roadside in front of the cemetery, which is bounded by a rendered wall. At the east end of the cemetery will be found the Chatby Memorial which commemorates over 900 officers and men who have no other grave but the sea.
- Historical Information:** At the outbreak of the First World War the present Military and War Memorial Cemeteries formed one Garrison Cemetery, Chatby Military Cemetery formed the western part of this, and originally contained 150 war graves, whilst Chatby War Memorial Cemetery formed the eastern and rather larger part of the cemetery. Military activity was slight until April 1915, but in March 1915, the Base of the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force was transferred from Mudros to Alexandria, and the city became a great Anglo-French camp and a hospital centre. The 17th, 19th, 21st, 78th, and 87th General Hospitals, No. 5 Indian Hospital and other medical units were established there. The Gallipoli campaign was followed by the operations against the-Turks in Egypt and Palestine, and Alexandria remained an important hospital centre and the Headquarters of a Military District; but in April 1916 Hadra New Military Cemetery (now Hadra War Memorial Cemetery), about 600 yards to the South-East, was opened, and from that date burials at Chatby were infrequent. There are now 2259, 1914-18 and 503, 1939-45 Commonwealth war casualties commemorated in this site, of these 37, 1914-18 and 65, 1939-45 casualties are unidentified. Also commemorated here are 26 Foreign National and 307 non-world war casualties. The following are particulars of burials which were concentrated into this cemetery: AGAGIA MILITARY GRAVES, in which were buried 32 officers and men of Yeomanry Regiments (all but two of whom belonged to the Queen's Own Dorset Yeomanry) who fell in the defeat of the Senussi at Agagia on the 26th February 1916. The graves were near three wells at Abu Hurora, about twelve miles South-East of Sidi el Barrani. BALTIM COPTIC CEMETERY, where five soldiers from the

United Kingdom were buried (four of whom were drowned in the Transport "Aragon"). Baltim is on the coast, 70 miles East of Alexandria. DAMANHUR CHRISTIAN CEMETERY (40 miles South-East of Alexandria), where three soldiers and one Marine from the United Kingdom and three soldiers from Australia were buried in 1915 and 1916. EL DABA, on the coast about 90 miles West of Alexandria, where one soldier from the United Kingdom was buried in July 1916. HAZALIN (properly Halazin) MILITARY GRAVES, 25 miles South West of Mersa Matruh, where the Senussi were defeated on the 23rd February 1916. Here were buried one soldier from the United Kingdom and 18 men of the 15th Sikhs. MAADIA MILITARY CEMETERY, 17 miles East of Alexandria where 16 soldiers from the United Kingdom, drowned in the Transport "Aragon", were buried in January 1918. MARKAZ MARIUT MILITARY GRAVES, on the coast between Alexandria and El Alamein, where 32 men from torpedoed ships were buried. The 1939-1945 War, too, saw many British service burials in this cemetery, and some of the graves are alongside 1914-1918 War graves; others are in separate plots. Among the graves of the two world wars are those of servicemen who died between the wars, and also old military graves dating back to 1882.



SERGE. E. D. EVANS,
12th, Nelson, Co.,
Died of wounds.

