

In Memory of

ALFRED LARGE

Rifleman

58778

4th Bn. 3rd, N.Z. Rifle Brigade

who died on

Monday, 26th August 1918.

**Additional
Information:**

Son of Frederick Charles William Large, of Totara St., Nelson, New Zealand.

Commemorative Information

**Cemetery:
Grave Reference/
Panel Number:**

GREVILLERS BRITISH CEMETERY, Pas de Calais, France
XI. D. 18.

Location:

Grevillers is a village in the Department of the Pas de Calais, 3 kilometres west of Bapaume. From Bapaume take the RD929 in the direction of Amiens, turn immediately right onto the RD7, where a signpost indicates the cemetery. After 500 metres turn left at junction onto RD29, where a signpost indicates the cemetery which is on the right after a further 50 metres. Within the cemetery is the Grevillers (New Zealand) Memorial which commemorates the names of those soldiers of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force who fell in the Battle of the Somme and the advances in 1918 and have no known grave.

**Historical
Information:**

The village was occupied by British troops on the 14th March, 1917, and in April and May the 3rd, 29th and 3rd Australian Casualty Clearing Stations were posted near it. They began the British Cemetery, and continued to use it until March, 1918; but on the 25th March, Grevillers was captured by the enemy. A German Cemetery was then made on the East side of the British, continuing the existing lay-out. On the following 24th August, the New Zealand Division recaptured Grevillers, and in September the 34th, 49th and 56th Casualty Clearing Stations came to the village and resumed the use of the British Cemetery. After the Armistice, 200 graves were brought in from the battlefields to the South of the village, and 40 from the German Cemetery; and the 927 German graves were removed to another cemetery. There are now nearly 2,000, 1914-18 and a small number of 1939-45 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, nearly 200 from the 1914-18 War are unidentified, and special memorials are erected to 15 soldiers from Australia and three from the United Kingdom, known or believed to be buried among them. Other special memorials record the names of two soldiers from the United Kingdom, buried in Avesnes-les-Bapaume German Cemetery, whose graves could not be found. Certain graves in the cemetery, identified as groups but not individually, are marked by headstones bearing the additional words: "Buried near this spot." The cemetery covers an area of 5,988 square metres and is enclosed partly by a brick wall. Graves from the following two cemeteries were concentrated into Grevillers British Cemetery:- AVESNES-LES-BAPAUME GERMAN CEMETERY, "near the British huts", contained the graves of two soldiers from the United Kingdom who died in April, 1918. BAYONET TRENCH CEMETERY, GUEUDECOURT, contained the graves of 19 soldiers of the 1st Australian Infantry Battalion who fell on the 5th

and one from South Africa who died in German hands, April-August, 1918. LE BIZET CONVENT MILITARY CEMETERY, PLOEGSTEERT, was in the grounds of the Assumptionist Convent between Le Bizet and Motor Car Corner. It contained the graves of 88 soldiers from the United Kingdom and one from Canada who fell in October, 1914-October, 1916. NACHTEGAAL NO. 1 GERMAN CEMETERY, MERCKEM (West Flanders), midway between Merckem and Houthulst, made in April, 1916, contained the graves of two R.F.C. officers who fell in June, 1917. It was closed in July, 1917. PLOEGSTEERT WOOD NEW CEMETERY, WARNETON, in the South-East corner of the wood, contained the graves of 19 soldiers from the United Kingdom who fell in the loss and recapture of Le Gheer, October, 1914. PROWSE POINT LOWER CEMETERY, WARNETON, was a little North of Ploegsteert Wood. It was made by the 1st Rifle Brigade, and it contained the graves of 13 soldiers from the United Kingdom who fell in 1915 and 1916. TOUQUET-BERTHE GERMAN CEMETERY, PLOEGSTEERT, on the road from Ploegsteert to Le Gheer, contained two unidentified R.A.F. graves of July, 1918. WARNETON CHURCHYARD was destroyed in the War. It contained the grave of one soldier from the United Kingdom, buried by the Germans in December, 1914.