

In Memory of
ROBERT CHRISTOPHER BROOK BOWEN

Private
65333

2nd Bn., Wellington Regiment, N.Z.E.F.
who died on
Sunday, 29th September 1918. Age 25.

Additional Information: Son of Robert G. and Kate Bowen, of 65, Lerand St., Wellington, New Zealand.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: RUYAULCOURT MILITARY CEMETERY, Pas de Calais, France
Grave Reference/ N. 27.
Panel Number:

Location: Ruyaulcourt is a village in the Department of the Pas-de-Calais 11 kilometres east of Bapaume on the D7 and 19 kilometres south-west of Cambrai. The Cemetery lies 500 metres north of Ruyaulcourt village along an unmarked road but is signposted to the left by the village church as you enter Ruyaulcourt from Bapaume.

Historical Information: Ruyaulcourt village was attacked by the 7th D.C.L.I. on the 28th/29th March, 1917, found unoccupied the next night by the 7th Somerset Light Infantry, lost on the 23rd March, 1918, and cleared by the New Zealand Division on the 4th September, 1918. Ruyaulcourt German Cemetery was used from July, 1916, to March, 1917, and in August, 1918; and it contained 405 German graves and those of two R.A.F. officers, two soldiers from the United Kingdom and one New Zealand soldier. It was removed in 1924, and two of the British graves were brought into the Military Cemetery. Ruyaulcourt Military Cemetery was begun in April, 1917, and used by fighting units and Field Ambulances (largely of the 42nd (East Lancashire) Division) until March, 1918. It was re-opened in September, 1918. There are now over 300, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, 10 are unidentified and special memorials are erected to the two airmen buried in the German Cemetery, whose graves could not be found. The Cemetery covers an area of 1,608 square metres and is enclosed by a rubble wall.