

Rupert Hilton Black
Remembered with Honour
Tyne Cot Memorial

**In Memory of
Gunner**


**188959, "B" Bty. 83rd Bde., Royal Field Artillery who died on 22 August 1917 Age 19
Son of John William and Elizabeth Black, of 21, Taunton Road, Ashton-under-Lyne,
Lancs.**

The TYNE COT MEMORIAL forms the north-eastern boundary of Tyne Cot Cemetery and commemorates nearly 35,000 servicemen from the United Kingdom and New Zealand who died in the Ypres Salient after 16 August 1917 and whose graves are not known. The memorial stands close to the farthest point in Belgium reached by Commonwealth forces in the First World War until the final advance to victory.

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Name: Rupert Hilton BLACK

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Rank: GUNNER

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Initials: R H

Birthplace: Waterloo, Lancs

Residence:



Enlisted: Ashton-Under-Lyne

Regiment, Corps etc.: Royal Horse Artillery and Royal Field Artillery

Battalion etc.:

Number: 188959

Date died: 22 August 1917

How died: Killed in action

Theatre of war: France & Flanders

Supplementary Notes:

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Probably on the Third Battle for Ypres

There was little more significant activity on this front until 1917, when in the Third Battle of Ypres an offensive was mounted by Commonwealth forces to divert German attention from a weakened French front further south. The initial attempt in June to dislodge the Germans from the Messines Ridge was a complete success, but the main assault north-eastward, which began at the end of July, quickly became a dogged struggle against determined opposition and the rapidly deteriorating weather. The campaign finally came to a close in November with the capture of Passchendaele.

Background



In 1911 Rupert is living with his parents at 21 Taunton Road His father John William Black runs an estate agent business. John had been married to Elizabeth for 23 years and one of their three children had already died. His elder sister Mary was working as an assistant schoolmistress working for the Boro' Education Authority. Rupert was still at school

In 1901 the family is still at 21 Taunton Road and his father was working as a solicitor's clerk.

In 1891 they are at 27 Taunton road and his father is still a solicitor's clerk saying her was born in Ardwick.

From his Obit in the Reporter

Many Ashton people will regret the death of Gunner Rupert Hilton Black, son of Mr and Mrs Black of Taunton Road in Ashton-under-Lyne. Though only 19 he was finely built, very bright and intelligent and had before him a bright and promising career. Educated at Mottram Grammar School and Ashton Secondary School and was engaged at the Smithfield Market, Manchester branch of the Manchester and Liverpool District Bank. A member of Ashton Cricket Club and Albion tennis Club, He was the nephew of Major A Hilton.