

## **Private J R Pickering**

**18480, 3rd Bn., East Lancashire Regiment who died on 28 December 1915**

### **Plymouth (Weston Mill) Cemetery**

3rd (Reserve) Battalion

August 1914: in Preston. Moved on mobilisation to Plymouth and on to Saltburn and Marske on 1 June 1917 for duty with Tees Garrison.

#### **Historical Information**

During the First World War, Plymouth, Devonport and Stonehouse contained between them the Royal Dockyard, Royal Naval Barracks (known as H.M.S. Vivid), the Royal Marine Barracks of the Plymouth Division, and naval and military hospitals. For the duration of the war, Devonport was made headquarters of the Auxiliary Patrol Area.

Plymouth was a naval station second only to Portsmouth during the Second World War. Devonport was also an important military station and there was a R.A.F station at Mount Batten, opposite Plymouth.

Plymouth (Weston Mill) Cemetery contains 398 burials of the First World War, 1 being unidentified. Approximately half are in the naval and military war graves plots north-east of the chapel, the rest are scattered. The total includes special memorials to two casualties buried in Stoke Damerel Church Cemetery whose graves could no longer be maintained.

Second World War burials in the cemetery number 556, 11 of which are unidentified. Of these, 111 of the earlier graves filled the existing naval and military plots. A further plot was then set aside for service graves and 317 of the burials were made there. The rest of the war graves are scattered. The cemetery also contains 14 non-war service burials and 36 war graves of other nationalities, 25 of them Polish.