

Harry FLETCHER  
Rifleman 241928  
2<sup>nd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Battalion Prince of Wales's Volunteers  
(South Lancashire Regiment)  
Killed in action 6<sup>th</sup> July 1917 age 23  
Buried at Erquinghem-Lys Churchyard Extension, Belgium  
Grave reference: Plot II. Row D. Grave No. 9

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Harry was born at Sutton-on-Sea, Lincolnshire about 1894, the only son of Alfred and Sophia Fletcher. He enlisted at Earlestown and the family resided in Wigan Road, Bryn.

Whilst serving in the area of Armentieres on the France-Belgian border, he was killed in action on 6<sup>th</sup> July 1917.

After the war, the congregation of Park Lane decided to build a Memorial Room dedicated to the memory of all those connected with the chapel who had died in the war. The foundation stone was laid by Mr. Peter Garvin on 29<sup>th</sup> July 1925 and the opening ceremony was held in December 1925, presided over by Mr. Thomas Lomax. Mr. W. H. Baker gave an address and formally declared the room open for the future use of the congregation. Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher funded a marble memorial tablet inscribed with the names of the ten men who had fallen in the war which is displayed on the wall of the memorial room.

Harry is buried in the Erquinghem-Lys Churchyard in Flanders. Whilst this is a village churchyard, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission placed their headstones on the graves of the fallen and they are tended with the same devoted care as those in the purpose-built CWGC war cemeteries.

His medal entitlement was for the British War Medal and the Victory Medal. Harry is named on Wigan Cenotaph.