

William DARBYSHIRE
Private 35214
7th Battalion York & Lancaster Regiment
(formerly 398659 Royal Engineers)
Killed in action 15th October 1917 age 37
Buried at Bard Cottage Cemetery, Belgium
Grave reference: **Plot VI. Row A. Grave No. 9**

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William was born about 1880 in Pemberton and was the husband of Elizabeth of 15 Soughers Lane, Bryn, and they had three children. He was employed as a Bricklayer by Alf Darbyshire, Builder & Contractor of Bryn.

Enlisting at Earlestown, William was serving in the Ypres Salient, West Flanders. On 15th October 1917 he was killed in action.

His officer, Second Lieutenant W. L. Jackson wrote that William was "an excellent worker".

The British War Medal and Victory Medal would be sent to William's next-of-kin. These two medals were awarded to all had served. (The 1914-15 Star and the 1915 Star were additionally awarded to those who served during the qualifying periods). The memorial scroll and plaque would also be sent to his family. (The 'death plaque' was commonly known as 'the dead man's penny'.

William is buried near the village of Boezinghe, near Ypres, in one of the many Commonwealth War Graves cemeteries where his grave receives the devoted care of the CWGC gardeners.