

William MURPHY
Private 20038
7th Battalion King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment)
(formerly 79716 Royal Field Artillery)
Killed in action, 24th June 1917
Buried at Wytschaete Military Cemetery
No known grave
Commemorated by name on Special Memorial A.6

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William was born in Wigan (year unknown) and enlisted there. He worked as a Drawer at Park Lane Collieries and his address is recorded as both 898 Warrington Road and 898 Park Lane, Goose Green.

He had served for two years before his death. William is named on the special memorial in the cemetery because his original grave could not be located. This may indicate that he was "known or believed to have been buried" nearby. Many original battlefield graves were lost in the periodic shelling of the area

His name is also inscribed on Wigan Cenotaph and his service entitled him to the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.