



## WILLIAM WALTERS

250926, Lance Sergeant, William Walters, 1/6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Manchester Regiment.

Born in 1898 at Poynton, son of single mother Clara Walters, William lived with his grandparents, Charles and Fanny Walters, Newtown, Poynton.

William attested 25/01/1915, in Manchester, and after training was drafted with the British Expeditionary Force to France. The 1/6<sup>th</sup> Manchester's were in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Division, 127<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade. The battalion war diary for August 1918 covers the action for the 21<sup>st</sup> August; *At 7.00 am the 125<sup>th</sup> Brigade were reported to have reached, and to be holding their first objective. At 8.45 am, 'B' company should*

*have gone through 'A' and 'C', to attack the 2<sup>nd</sup> objective, but nothing was heard of their whereabouts. The Company Commander reconnected the position and his company moved forward to L.32.d. where they came against strong opposition and suffered many casualties. The attack by the 21<sup>st</sup> Division on BEAUCOURT was an early success and the position captured almost immediately. At 7.30 pm, the company of the 1/5<sup>th</sup> Manchester Regiment, ceased to be under command of the O/c of 1/5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Manchester Regiment. A bombardment on MIRAUMONT was arranged for during the night between 1.00 am to 1.30 am and 3.30 am to 4.30 am. William was killed in action, 21/08/1918, aged 20 years.*

### **Medals:** British War Medal and Victory Medal.

Lance Sergeant, William Walters is buried at Queens Cemetery, Bucquoy, Pas de Calais, France.

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