



**H**E whom this scroll commemorates was numbered among those who, at the call of King and Country, left all that was dear to them, endured hardness, faced danger, and finally passed out of the sight of men by the path of duty and self-sacrifice, giving up their own lives that others might live in freedom. Let those who come after see to it that his name be not forgotten.

52459, PRIVATE, Marsden Richard HIGHAM

9th Battalion.

Royal Welsh Fusiliers

Died of wounds, France & Flanders, 19/09/17

Born: Longton, Lancs, Enlisted: Preston, Residence: Longton

**In Memory of  
Private RICHARD MARSDEN HIGHAM**

**52459, 9th Bn., Royal Welsh Fusiliers  
attd. 94th Field Coy. , Royal Engineers**

**who died age 19 on 19 September 1917**

**Son of Richard and Margret Higham,  
of 1, Poplar Avenue, Longton, Preston, Lancs.**

**Remembered with honour  
OUTTERSTEENE COMMUNAL CEMETERY  
EXTENSION, BAILLEUL**



**Commemorated in perpetuity by  
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission**

**Name:** HIGHAM, RICHARD MARSDEN

**Initials:** R M

**Nationality:** United Kingdom

**Rank:** Private

**Regiment/Service:** Royal Welsh Fusiliers

**Unit Text:** 9th Bn.

**Secondary Regiment:** Royal Engineers

**Secondary Unit Text:** attd. 94th Field Coy.

**Age:** 19

**Date of Death:** 19/09/1917

**Service No:** 52459

**Additional information:** Son of Richard and Margret Higham, of 1, Poplar Avenue, Longton, Preston, Lancs.

**Casualty Type:** Commonwealth War Dead

**Grave/Memorial Reference:** I. A. 49.

**Cemetery:** OUTTERSTEENE COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION, BAILLEUL

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**Country:** France

**Locality:** unspecified

**Visiting Information:** Wheelchair access possible to this cemetery via main entrance. For further information regarding wheelchair access, please contact our Enquiries Section on 01628 507200.

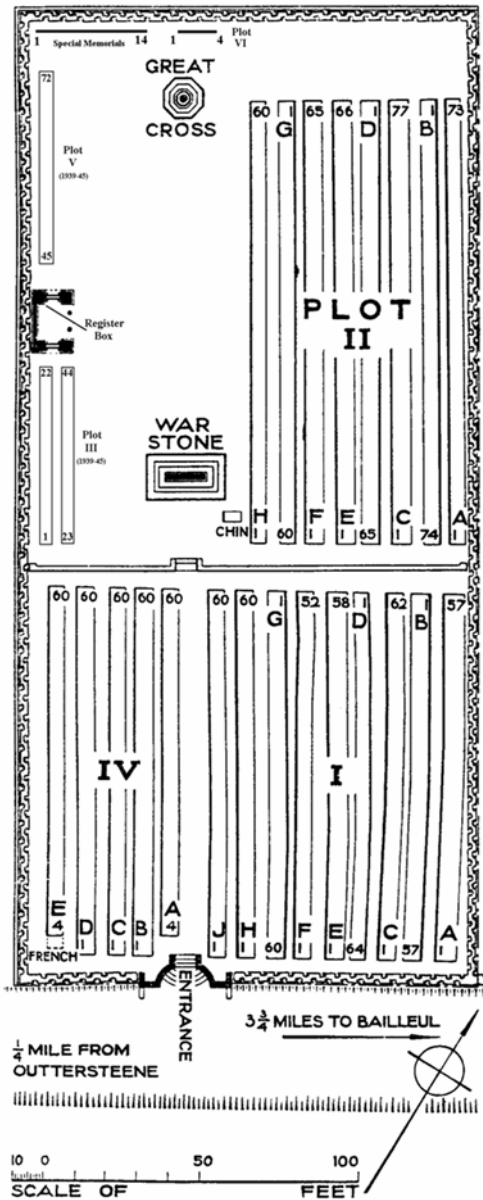
**Location Information:** Ottersteene is a village about 5 kilometres south-west of Bailleul. The Communal Cemetery Extension is north-east of the village on the road to Bailleul. From Bailleul follow the D.23 to Ottersteene, the cemetery is on the right hand side of the road just as you approach the outskirts of the town.

**Historical Information:** Ottersteene was captured by the III Corps on 13 October 1914 but no Commonwealth burials took place there for nearly three years. In August 1917, during the Third Battle of Ypres, the 2nd, 53rd and 1st Australian Casualty Clearing Stations came to Ottersteene, and the first and last of these remained until March 1918. The hamlet was captured by the Germans on 12 April 1918, and retaken by the 9th, 29th and 31st Divisions, with the ridge beyond it, on 18 and 19 August, but the cemetery was not used again during hostilities. After the Armistice, graves were brought into the cemetery extension from the battlefields surrounding Ottersteene and from certain small cemeteries. The extension was used again in 1940, for the burial of those killed in the fighting which covered the withdrawal of the British Expeditionary Force to Dunkirk. Ottersteene Communal Cemetery Extension now contains 1,393 Commonwealth burials and commemorations of the First World War. 499 of the burials are unidentified but there are special memorials to 14 casualties known or believed to be buried among them. Second World War burials number 72, of which 23 are unidentified. The extension was designed by Sir Herbert Baker.

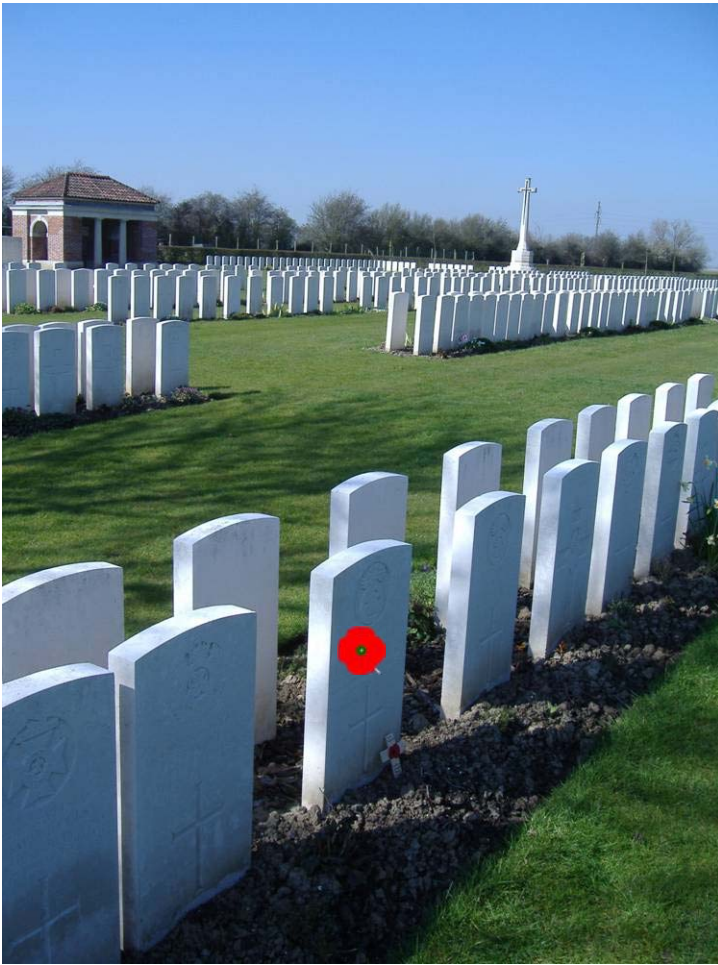
**No. of Identified Casualties:** 945

# Cemetery Plans

## OUTTERSTEENE COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION, BAILLEUL



Private Richard HIGHAMS' grave at I. A. 49. highlighted



**Private Richard Marsden HIGHAM's grave at I. A. 49. highlighted in relation to the Great Cross and in close-up.**



Private R. M. Higham, Royal Welsh fusiliers, whose home was at Longton, died in France on September 19<sup>th</sup>, from wounds to both legs.

It is with the deepest regret that we learnt of the death of Pte. R. M. Higham, which occurred in France on September 19<sup>th</sup>, after severe wounds to both legs. He was probably the youngest man we have lost so far. In October 1916 he joined the Royal Welsh Fusiliers and had been in France since February last. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to his father and relatives in this their sad bereavement.