

In Memory of
Lance Corporal

Blair Wilfred Mills

443812, 1st Tunnelling Coy., Canadian Engineers who died on 26 March 1916 Age 20

Son of Ezra Mills, of Keremeos, British Columbia.

Remembered with Honour
Strand Military Cemetery



Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

- INDEX No. B. 451 MARVELL, Pte. Charles Roy, 1893. 40th Bn. Australian Inf. Killed in action 22nd June, 1917. Age 19. Son of Elizabeth Ann Marvell, of 20, Mayne St., Launceston, Tasmania, and the late George Henry Marvell, V. C. 13.
- STRAND MIL. CEM., PLOEGSTEERT.
- MASON, Pte. A., 7858. 1st Bn. King's Own Royal Lancaster Regt. 22nd March, 1915. X. F. 3.
- MAXWELL, Pte. Leslie Allingham, 948. 39th Bn. Australian Inf. Killed in action 3rd June, 1917. Age 21. Son of Mr. C. G. and Mrs. B. J. Maxwell, of Yarra Junction, Victoria, Australia. Native of Walhalla, Victoria. I. E. 1.
- MEADLEY, Pte. Thomas Malton, 1601. "C" Coy. 1st/4th Bn. East Yorkshire Regt. Killed in action 29th July, 1915. Age 19. Son of Thomas Malton Meadley and Margaret Ann Meadley, of 129, Wincolmllee, Hull. VII. P. 9.
- MEEK, Pte. Herbert Harrison, 27580. 15th Bn. Canadian Inf. (1st Central Ontario Regt.). Killed in action 15th July, 1915. Age 18. Son of James L. and Catherine Meek, of Hensall, Ontario. Native of Toronto. VIII. C. 7.
- MEREDITH, Pte. Reginald Stanley, 51. 38th Bn. Australian Inf. Killed in action 29th May, 1917. Age 33. Son of Alfred G. and Isabella Meredith; husband of Mrs. D. M. Meredith, of 103, 11th Street, Mildura, Victoria, Australia. Native of England. II. B. 11.
- MERLEHAN, Pte. Charles Henry, 231. 41st Bn. Australian Inf. Killed in action 3rd June, 1917. Age 28. Son of Richard Joseph and Margaret Merlehan, of Boonah, Fassifern, Queensland. I. E. 9.
- MERTON, Spr. Charles Henry Trischler, 10984. 11th Field Coy. Australian Engineers. Killed in action 9th June, 1917. Age 34. Son of George and Nora Merton; husband of Irene C. Welsh (formerly Merton), of 36, Lexham Gardens, Kensington, London, England. Native of Christchurch, New Zealand. IV. B. 9.
- METCALFE, Pte. E., 11565. 2nd Bn. Durham Light Inf. 25th May, 1915. X. E. 10.
- MILDREN, Lce. Cpl. Albert Andrew, 518. 10th Light Australian Trench Mortar Bty. Killed in action 7th June, 1917. Age 27. Son of Mrs. Margaret Mildren. II. E. 11.
- MILLER, Pte. R., 8051. 2nd Bn. Essex Regt. Killed in action 21st Oct., 1914. Age 25. Husband of Mrs. C. Miller, of 48, Carpenters Rd., Stratford, London. Ploegsteert Wood New Cem. Mem.
- MILLS, Lce. Cpl. Blair Wilfred, 443812. 1st Tunnelling Coy. Canadian Engineers. 26th March, 1917. Age 20. Son of Ezra Mills, of Keremeos, British Columbia. IX. M. 4.
- MILLS, Pte. J., 7317. 2nd Bn. Essex Regt. 12th Jan., 1915. X. L. 3.
- MILLS, Pte. W., 35312. 1st Bn. Wiltshire Regt. 10th April, 1918. VII. O. 9.
- MILNE, Gnr. Edward, 2/548. N.Z. Field Artillery. Killed in action 27th April, 1917. Age 24. Son of David and Marianne Milne, of Five Creeks, Edendale, Southland, New Zealand. Native of Stirling, Otago. I. A. 6.
- MITCHELL, Serjt. Frederick Lawrance, 9354. 2nd Bn. Leinster Regt. 20th Nov., 1914. Age 21. Son of Henry and Caroline Matilda Mitchell, of 128, High St., Portsmouth. IX. F. 1.
- MITCHELL, Gnr. Harold, 1068. "Y" 3A Medium Trench Mortar Bty. Australian Field Artillery. Killed in action 21st May, 1917. Age 22. Son of Robert and Lucia Agnes Mitchell, of Woodside, South Australia. II. A. 9.
- MITCHELL, Serjt. Henry George, 159. 35th Bn. Australian Inf. Killed in action 29th May, 1917. I. D. 11.
- MITCHELL, Pte. J. E., 32906. 15th Bn. West Yorkshire Regt. 3rd May, 1917. VIII. B. 8.
- MONAGHAN, Rfn., Thomas, 15940. 1st Bn. 3rd N.Z. (Rifle) Brigade. Killed in action 23rd June, 1917. Brother of Mr. R. Monaghan, of Mataura, Southland, New Zealand. V. D. 4.
- MOONEY, Pnr. R., 118899. 7th Labour Bn. Royal Engineers. 26th April, 1917. Age 43. Son of Mrs. Ann Mooney. I. A. 7.
- MOORE, Pte. Alfred Stephen, 517. 43rd Bn. Australian Inf. Killed in action 9th June, 1917. Age 30. Son of Joseph and Matilda Webb (formerly Moore); husband of Mrs. G. E. Moore, of 18, Mornington Rd., Unley, South Australia. Native of London. IX. O. 7.

LABOUR
No.....
Date.....

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CONCENTRATION OF GRAVES (Exhumation and Reburials).

BURIAL RETURN.

D.A.D.G.R. & E.
SOUTH SUB-AREA.
No. REA.

+1407

Name of Cemetery of Reburial STRAND, PLOEGSTEERT. (EXTENSION) JAN 14

Row	Grave	Map Reference where body found	Was cross on grave?	Regimental particulars	Means of Identification	Were any effects found to Base?
R	9	SH28 U21. d 6. 2	YES	SGT W. R. WEBBER 1ST SOMERSET L.I.	CROSS	NO
R	10	SH36 C28 4 5. 4	NO	LIEUT M. DUNN 9. 11. 18 3RD TYNESIDE SCOTTISH	DISC	"
M	1	"	NO	UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER	CLOTHING	"
M	2	"	YES	501293 TFS D. WHITE TUNNELING COY 1ST CANADIANS	CROSS	"
M	3	SH36 C28 4 B. 4	"	2241 T. E. POWER 1ST ROYAL WARWICKS	"	"
M	4	"	"	443812 4/CPL R. W. MILLS 1ST CANADIANS	"	"

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GRAVES REGISTRATION REPORT FORM

D.A.I.G.R & E. SOUTH SUB DISTRICT
 No. 5 DISTRICT REPORT No.
 Serial No. 4142

SCHEDULE No. 39-C
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COMMUNE: PLOEGSTEERT
 PLACE OF BURIAL STRAND MILITARY CEMETERY (PLOEGSTEERT WOOD)

Map Reference Sheet 28.U.19.d.05.25.

The following are buried here:—

Regiment	No.	Name	Rank and Initials	Date of Death	Cross Erected or G. R. U'd.	Plot, Row and Grave
PLOT 9 ROW "L"						
1/E.Lancs.Reg't.		BRADLEY ✓	Pte.	21.10.14	ALL	5 ✓
do.	8083	GADSBY ✓	Pte.	"	YPLS/2/9205	6 ✓
do.	5811	HODGKINSON ✓	Pte. A	25.10.14	3/27689	7 ✓
do.		BOYLE ✓	Pte.	"		8 ✓
1/E.Lancs.	7930	UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER				9 ✓
		RHODES ✓	Pte. H	30.10.14	Ru/40134 CROSSES	10 ✓
PLOT 9 ROW "M"						
		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER				1 ✓
1/Can.Tunn.Co.R.E.	501295	WHITE ✓	Pte.D.	26.3.17		2 ✓
1/R.War.R.	2291	POWELL ✓	Pte.E.	25.10.14	DEW/LS7/	3 ✓
1/Can.Tunn.Co.R.E.	443812	MILLS ✓	L/Cpl.B.W.	26.3.17	ERECTED	4 ✓
		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER				5 ✓
13/Bn.A.I.F.	1154	O'LEARY ✓	Sgt.D.	10.7.17		6 ✓
		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER				7 ✓
		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER				8 ✓
		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER			OR	9 ✓
R.Inns.Fus.		u.B.S.			Ru/15551.	10 ✓
PLOT 9 ROW "N"						
1/E.Lancs.R.	8421	SERGEANT ✓	L/Cpl.E	30-10-14	Ru/39685 →	1 ✓
9/Lancers	5118	HOW ✓	Pte.	21.11.14		2 ✓
		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER			G.R.U'D.	3 ✓
Fr.Ir.Fus.	11254	CORDNER ✓	Pte.F.	7.11.14		4 ✓
do.	9361	TAYLOR ✓	Pte.J.	"		5 ✓
Worces.R.		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER				6 ✓
R.Ir.Fus.	6303	KELLY ✓	Pte.P.			7 ✓
1/Bn.R.B.	9197	EMERY ✓	Rfn.W.			8 ✓
1/R.Ir.Fus.	5741	McGLONE ✓	Pte.J.	10-11-14	Ru/39468 →	9 ✓
1/Rifle.Bde.	9647	SMART ✓	Rfn.E.	15.4.15		10 ✓

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 Name of Cemetery. STRAND MIL. CEM. "C"

COMPREHENSIVE REPORT (A) OF HEADSTONE INSCRIPTIONS
 to this report is attached
 COMPREHENSIVE REPORT (B) HEADSTONE TEXTS
 (those headstones to be inscribed with texts are underlined)
 and
 TWO STANDARD LAYOUTS (the layouts to be used are quoted on the badge design).

To be stencilled on foot of
 headstones below ground level
 abbreviated thus:—
STRD.M.C.

Badge Design No. and Layout No.	1st Line. Number and Rank.	2nd Line. Initials, NAME and Honours.	3rd Line. Regiment.	4th Line. Date of Death. <small>In any instance where the entry "NONE" appears in Col. 6, the Age will be omitted from the Headstone and the Date of Death centred laterally.</small>	Age.	Centre of Stone. Relig. Emb.	To be stencilled on foot of Headstones below ground level. Plot P. Row B. Grave G. No. of Stone.		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	
05/BA	28949	RIFLEMAN A.D. ASHEY	N.Z. RIFLE BRIGADE	23RD JUNE 1917	AGE 28	CROSS	9 L 1	1	786
YOUT 1H		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER	(FOR PARTICULARS OF LAYOUT INSC.ETC.SEE SCHED.G/H.)				9 L 2	2	787
YOUT 1H		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER	(FOR PARTICULARS OF LAYOUT INSC.ETC.SEE SCHED.G/H.)				9 L 3	3	788
31/1E	9941	PRIVATE J. HAMMOND	EAST LANCASHIRE REGIMENT	21ST OCTOBER 1914	AGE 21	CROSS	9 L 4	4	789
31/1A	5719	PRIVATE P. BRADLEY	EAST LANCASHIRE REGIMENT	25TH OCTOBER 1914	NONE	CROSS	9 L 5	5	790
31/1A	8083	PRIVATE A. GADSEY	EAST LANCASHIRE REGIMENT	21ST OCTOBER 1914	AGE 29	CROSS	9 L 6	6	791
31/1A	5811	PRIVATE A. HODGKINSON	EAST LANCASHIRE REGIMENT	25TH OCTOBER 1914	AGE 32	CROSS	9 L 7	7	792
31/1A	7179	PRIVATE T. BOYLE	EAST LANCASHIRE REGIMENT	21ST OCTOBER 1914	AGE 29	CROSS	9 L 8	8	793
YOUT 1H		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER	(FOR PARTICULARS OF LAYOUT INSC.ETC.SEE SCHED.G/H.)				9 L 9	9	794
31/1A	7930	PRIVATE H. RHODES	EAST LANCASHIRE REGIMENT	30TH OCTOBER 1914	NONE	CROSS	9 L 10	10	795
YOUT 1H		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER	(FOR PARTICULARS OF LAYOUT INSC.ETC.SEE SCHED.G/H.)				9 M 1	1	796
02/1A	501295	SAPPER D. WHITE	CANADIAN ENGINEERS	26TH MARCH 1916 1917	AGE 16	CROSS	9 M 2	2	HS/3616 797
64/1A	2291	PRIVATE E. POWELL	ROYAL WARWICKSHIRE REGT.)	25TH OCTOBER 1914	NONE	CROSS	9 M 3	3	798
02/1A	443812	LANCE CPL. B.W. MILLS	CANADIAN ENGINEERS	26TH MARCH 1917	AGE 20	CROSS	9 M 4	4	799
YOUT 1H		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER	(FOR PARTICULARS OF LAYOUT INSC.ETC.SEE SCHED.G/H.)				9 M 5	5	800

To X Group No 38 - 795

*These headstones are not to be executed until further orders.

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No. of Contract dated

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Name of Cemetery.

STRAND M.C.

COMPREHENSIVE REPORT (B) HEADSTONE PERSONAL INSCRIPTIONS
to be read in conjunction with
COMPREHENSIVE REPORT (A) HEADSTONE MILITARY INSCRIPTIONS,
together with
TWO STANDARD LAYOUTS (the layouts to be used are quoted on the badge design).

Badge Design No. and Layout.	Headstone No.	Line 1.	TEXT. Line 2.	Line 3.	Line 4.	No. of Letters in Text.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
	786					
LAYOUT 1H	787	KNOWN UNTO GOD				12
LAYOUT 1H	788	KNOWN UNTO GOD				12
1031/1E	789	EVER A MEMORY	FOND AND TRUE	LOVING THOUGHTS	DEAR SON OF YOU	48
	790		(Mr. T. Hammond, 50 John St, Ordnance	Place, Chatham.)	14	
	791		(Mrs. Ada E. Gadsby, 60 Manver St, Netherfield, Notts.)			
	792		(Mr. Wm. A. Hodgkinson, 28 Ramsbottom St, Accrington, Lancashire, England.)			
	793		(Mrs. M. Crook, 153 Addison St, East Lancs.)			
LAYOUT 1H	794	KNOWN UNTO GOD				12
	795					
LAYOUT 1H	796	KNOWN UNTO GOD				12
	797		(Mrs. M. Sloan, Stellenton, Nova Scotia.)			
	798					
	799		(Mr. E. Mills, Keremeos, B.C.)			12
LAYOUT 1H	800	KNOWN UNTO GOD				
			(Names and addresses of next of kin are shown in brackets and will not appear on the Headstones.)			

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Office Copy Prepared.
Final Check No. 2. *W.C.*