He whom this scroll commemorates was numbered among those who, at the call of King and Country, left all that was dear to them, endured hardship, 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.

59621, PRIVATE, Richard RAWCLIFFE

Royal Army Medical Corps
Died of wounds, France & Flanders, 20/08/17
Born: Preston, Lanes, Enlisted: Preston
In Memory of
Private R RAWCLIFFE

59621, 70th Field Amb,
Royal Army Medical Corps

who died on 20 August 1917

Remembered with honour
GWALIA CEMETERY

Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission
Name: RAWCLIFFE

Initials: R

Nationality: United Kingdom

Rank: Private

Regiment/Service:

Royal Army Medical Corps

Unit Text: 70th Field Amb

Date of Death: 20/08/1917

Service No: 59621

Casualty Type: Commonwealth War Dead

Grave/Memorial Reference: I. H. 53.

Cemetery: GWALIA CEMETERY
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Country: Belgium

Locality: unspecified

Visiting Information: Visitors to this site should note a 400 metre grassed access path which is unsuitable for vehicles and that prior to reaching the cemetery the road name changes to Elverdingseweg. Please note that this cemetery is accessed via very long chemins and these will prove problematic for wheelchair users at certain times of year. Wheelchair access with some difficulty. For further information regarding wheelchair access, please contact our Enquiries Department on telephone number: 01628 634221

Location Information: Gwalia Cemetery is located 8.5 kilometres west of Ieper town centre on the Steentjesmolenstraat (N333), a road leading from the Veurnseweg (N8) connecting Ieper to Elverdinge and on to Veurne. From Ieper town centre the Veurnseweg (N8) is reached via Elverdingsestraat, then turning right onto Haiglaan. Veurnseweg is a continuation of Haiglaan. 4 kilometres along the Veurnseweg (N8) in the village of Elverdinge, lies the left hand turning onto the N333 Steentjesmolenstraat. 4.5 kilometres along this road the cemetery will be located on the right hand side of the road.

Historical Information: The cemetery was opened at the beginning of July 1917, in the period between the Battle of Messines and the Third Battle of Ypres. It lay among the camps in flat, wet country and was used by infantry units, artillery and field ambulances until September, 1918. In Plot I, Row H, are buried 14 men of the 9th Lancashire Fusiliers who were killed in the early morning of 4 September 1917, in a German air raid over "Dirty Bucket Camp." The cemetery contains 467 Commonwealth burials of the First World War. The cemetery was designed by Sir Reginald Blomfield.

No. of Identified Casualties: 468
Private Richard RAWCLIFFE’s grave at I. H. 53. highlighted.
Commonwealth War Graves Commission signpost.

The Great Cross at Gwalia Cemetery

Close-up of Private RAWCLIFFE’s headstone at I. H. 5.

Private Rawcliffe’s grave highlighted in relation to the Great Cross.
### Private Rawcliffe’s Medal Record Card

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<td>1159</td>
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<td>do</td>
<td>do</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot;15&quot; Star</td>
<td>Rawcliffe 1916 B 1064</td>
<td>1064</td>
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**Theatre of War first served in:**
(1) France

**Date of entry therein:**
27.8.15
Medals awarded to Private 59624 Richard Rawcliffe

The 1914 – 15 Star
Established in December 1918
Also known as 'Pip'.
This bronze medal was authorized in 1918. It is very similar to the 1914 Star but it was issued to a much wider range of recipients. Broadly speaking it was awarded to all who served in any theatre of war against Germany between 5th August 1914 and 31st December 1915, except those eligible for the 1914 Star. Similarly, those who received the Africa General Service Medal or the Sudan 1910 Medal were not eligible for the award.
Like the 1914 Star, the 1914-15 Star was not awarded alone. The recipient had to have received the British War Medal and the Victory Medal. The reverse is plain with the recipient's service number, rank, name and unit impressed on it.
An estimated 2.4 million of these medals were issued.

The British War Medal 1914 - 1918
Established on 26th July 1919.
Also known as 'Squeak'.
The silver or bronze medal was awarded to officers and men of the British and Imperial Forces who either entered a theatre of war or entered service overseas between 5th August 1914 and 11th November 1918 inclusive. This was later extended to services in Russia, Siberia and some other areas in 1919 and 1920.
Approximately 6.5 million British War Medals were issued.
Approximately 6.4 million of these were the silver versions of this medal. Around 110,000 of a bronze version were issued mainly to Chinese, Maltese and Indian Labour Corps. The front (obv or obverse) of the medal depicts the head of George V. The recipient's service number, rank, name and unit was impressed on the rim.

The Allied Victory Medal
Also known as 'Wilfred'
It was decided that each of the allies should each issue their own bronze victory medal with a similar design, similar equivalent wording and identical ribbon.
The British medal was designed by W. McMillan. The front depicts a winged classical figure representing victory.
Approximately 5.7 million victory medals were issued. Interestingly, eligibility for this medal was more restrictive and not everyone who received the British War Medal ('Squeak') also received the Victory Medal ('Wilfred'). However, in general, all recipients of 'Wilfred' also received 'Squeak' and all recipients of 'Pip' also received both 'Squeak' and 'Wilfred'.
The recipient's service number, rank, name and unit was impressed on the rim.
Extract from the index to graves at Gwalia Cemetery, Belgium, incorporating a photograph of Private John Rawcliffe.
Dear Councillor,

22 May 2007

Further to our telephone conversation beforehand.

(1) Page from Ribbleston Avenue Methodist Church Roll of Honour Book R (I will have to see what "Soldiers Died" does for his birthplace.)

(2) War Graves Commission Cemetery Registers for Longton. Previously at one time you could purchase these but now the details are available on Internet you can only borrow them.

Probably nothing you don't already know but may be an extra one

(Registered Under The Charities Act, 1990)
That does not have a faded headstone.

Yours,

Joe Hodgson

My address is "Brattay"
3 Askwith Grove,
Frenchwood,
Preston
PR1 4PB

Phone. 01772/827506

Accompanying letter with Gwalia Cemetery index.
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**Lancashire Marriage indexes for the years: 1876**

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<td>Thomas</td>
<td>COOKSON</td>
<td>Margery</td>
<td>Penwortham, Preston</td>
<td>St Mary</td>
<td>223/2/344</td>
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Total records matching : 1

No matching records were found for RAWCLIFFE in the following years:
1866, 1867, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880

If you haven't found the RAWCLIFFE that you're looking for, it may be that the indexes for your area of interest have not been transcribed yet. See our coverage page for more information.

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Lancashire Birth indexes for the years: 1878
Surname Forename(s) Sub-District Registers At Mother's Maiden Name Reference
RAWCLIFFE Richard Longton Preston COOKSON LONG/18/35

Lancashire Birth indexes for the years: 1881
Surname Forename(s) Sub-District Registers At Mother's Maiden Name Reference
RAWCLIFFE Elizabeth Longton Preston COOKSON LONG/19/86

Lancashire Birth indexes for the years: 1884
Surname Forename(s) Sub-District Registers At Mother's Maiden Name Reference
RAWCLIFFE Robert Longton Preston COOKSON LONG/20/88

Lancashire Birth indexes for the years: 1886
Surname Forename(s) Sub-District Registers At Mother's Maiden Name Reference
RAWCLIFFE Thomas Longton Preston COOKSON LONG/21/83

Lancashire Birth indexes for the years: 1889
Surname Forename(s) Sub-District Registers At Mother's Maiden Name Reference
RAWCLIFFE Margery Longton Preston COOKSON LONG/22/86

Lancashire Birth indexes for the years: 1897
Surname Forename(s) Sub-District Registers At Mother's Maiden Name Reference
RAWCLIFFE William Longton Preston COOKSON LONG/25/95

Total records matching : 6.

No matching records were found for RAWCLIFFE in the following years:
1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1879, 1880, 1882, 1883, 1885, 1887, 1888, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910

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**Lancashire Marriage indexes for the years: 1905**

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<td>JOHNSON</td>
<td>Margaret</td>
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<td>Preston</td>
<td>302/2/3</td>
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Total records matching : 1

If you haven't found the **Richard RAWCLIFFE** that you're looking for, it may be that the indexes for your area of interest have not been transcribed yet. See our coverage page for more information.

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### Lancashire Birth indexes for the years: 1906

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<td>RAWCLIFFE</td>
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Total records matching: 2.

No matching records were found for RAWCLIFFE in the following years:

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The 1901 Census showing the Rawcliffe family in Marsh Lane, Longton,

RG 13 / 3942 / F. 78 / P. 18 / Sch. 79
The 1901 Census showing the Cookson family in Liverpool Road, Longton,

RG 13 / 3942 / F. 79 / P. 15 / Sch. 93
### The 1911 Census Showing Richard Rawcliffe with His New Family at 7 Miller Road, Preston

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<td>Head</td>
<td>33</td>
<td>M</td>
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**Notes:**
- Richard Rawcliffe is the head of the household, age 33, married to Margaret, age 29, and Ellen, age 4.
- The family is listed at 7 Miller Road, Preston.
- Richard Rawcliffe is employed as a cotton weaver.
Thomas RAWCLIFFE  
b. 1854 Longton  
St. Mary’s, Penwortham  
m. 1876  
Margery COOKSON  
b. 1854  

Richard  
b. 1878 Longton  
Killed in Action  
20\textsuperscript{th} August 1917  
m. 1905  
Margaret Johnson  
Preston Central Methodist,  
Lune Street  
Ellen  
m. Frederick Baker  
b. 1906  
Thomas  
b. 1913  

Elizabeth  
b. 1881 Longton  

Robert  
b. 1884 Longton  

Thomas  
b. 1886 Longton  

Margery  
b. 1889 Longton  

William  
b. 1897 Longton  

Ellen  
m. Frederick Baker  
b. 1906  

HODGSON  
1932  

Ribbleton Ave.,  
Preston,  
Methodist  
Norman  
b. 1937  

