

## Trooper Stanley T Kercher

3149 Guards Machine Gun Regiment



Stanley Kercher was born in 1899, the son of Thomas, a butcher, and Mary Ellen Kercher of 'Crooked Close', Winchester Street, Overton. He died on 08 October 1918, aged 19.



### **Hants & Berks Gazette Sat Oct 26 1918**

**Killed in Action.** – *It is with greatest regret and sympathy we record the death on the French Front of Trooper Stanley T. Kercher, Life Guards, which occurred on 8<sup>th</sup> Oct. last from the explosion of an enemy shell, death being instantaneous. The sad news was conveyed to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Kercher, of Overton, by the Major of the Company, and an Overton "comrade in arms" of the same famous regiment, both deploring his loss and expressing their deepest regret and sympathy for the bereaved family. Deceased was fine specimen of young manhood, and deeply attached to his regiment. Previous to joining the colours he had a good appointment in the Government Land Surveying Office in Basingstoke.*

Stanley Kercher

He is buried at Calvaire Cemetery, Montbrehain, north of Saint Quentin. This village was taken on 3 October 1918, by three battalions of the Sherwood Foresters of the 46th Division, but it could not be held at the time; it was finally captured by the 21st and 24th Australian Infantry Battalions two days later. This action breached the German Hindenburg line and allowed the British to advance another 17km in the following days.

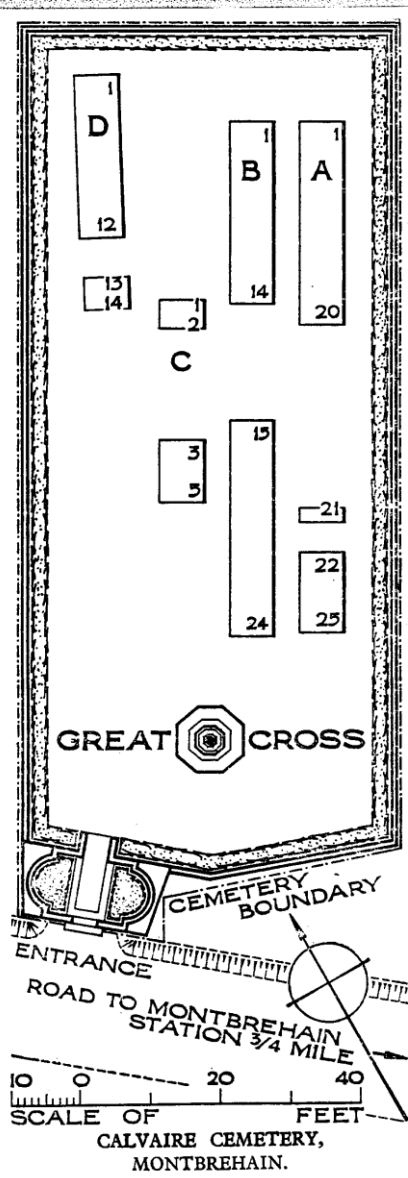


British heavy artillery passing through Montbrehain

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Stanley was awarded the Victory and British Medals



Stanley is buried at grave reference 1A.

