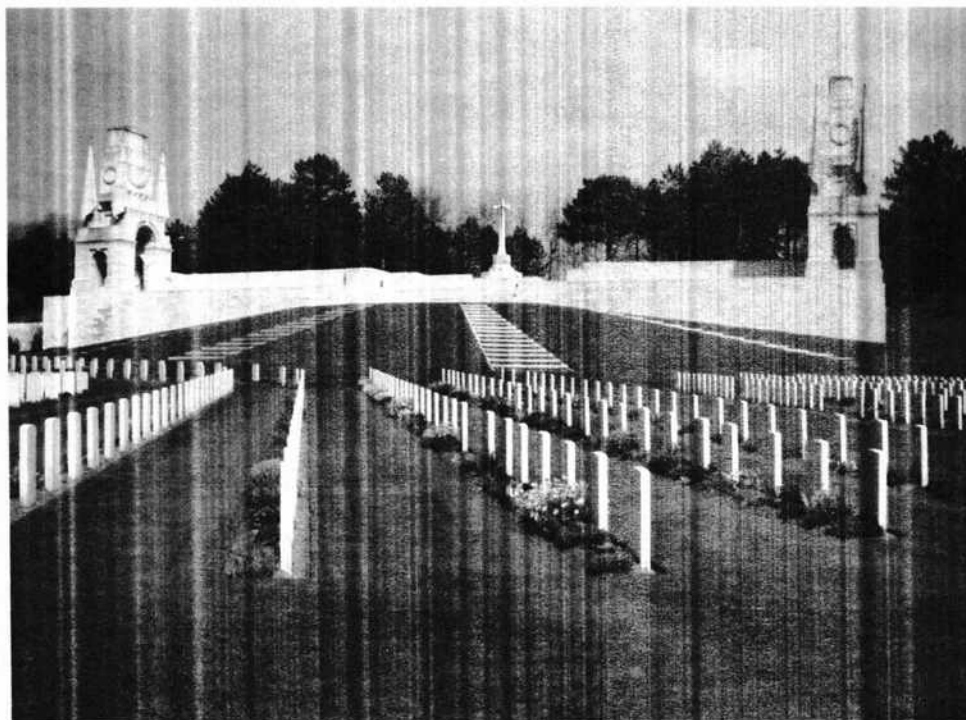


In Memory of  
Private  
**R Best**

25070, 13th Bn., Durham Light Infantry who died on 14 January 1916

Remembered with Honour  
Etaples Military Cemetery



Commemorated in perpetuity by  
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Great War Ancestor – Record of research

Surname	BEST
Forenames	RALPH
Home address	23 CAROLINE ST HETTON-LE-HOLE.
Regiment	DURHAM LIGHT INFANTRY 23 <sup>rd</sup> DIV
Notes	WORKED AS BANKSMAN (COLLIERY) WIFE MARGARET 2 CHILDREN ANNIE, JANE

**Commonwealth War Graves Commission Website**

Rank	PRIVATE
Age at death	41
Date of death	1916 14 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY
Service Number	25070
Cemetery/Memorial	FRANCE
Grave/Memorial no	ETAPLES CEMETERY
Additional Information	

**Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914-19**

Place of birth	PEELS <del>HOUSES</del> <sup>HOUSES</sup> DUCHAM
Place of enlistment	24 <sup>th</sup> SEPT. 1915.
Death	FRANCE 1916 France. D of W
Other regiments, etc.	

### Medal Index Cards (TNA WO 372/2)

14 Star	
14-15 Star	✓
British War Medal & Victory	✓
Other	

### Soldiers Documents, First World War, 'Burnt documents' (TNA WO 363/xxxx)

Type of Document	✓
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### War Diary (TNA WO 95/xxxx)

Notes	
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### Local Newspaper

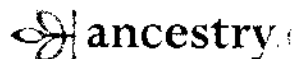
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### Biographical Information

Birth	Birkby, Colchester
Baptism	
1901 Census (RG 13/xxxx)	Park View, Fotheringhay
1911 Census (RG14/xxx)	23 Cavendish St, Fotheringhay
Electoral register, 1 January 1915	

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Notes



## UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919

Name: **Ralph Best**  
Birth Place: **Birtley**  
Residence: **Hetton-le-hole**  
Death Date: **14 Jan 1916**  
Death Place: **France and Flanders**  
Enlistment Place: **Houghton-le-spring**  
Rank: **Private**  
Regiment: **Durham Light Infantry**  
Battalion: **13th Battalion**  
Regimental Number: **25070**  
Type of Casualty: **Died of wounds**  
Theatre of War: **Western European Theatre**

**Source Information:**

Military-Genealogy.com, comp. *UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2008.

Original Data: *British and Irish Military Databases*. The Naval and Military Press Ltd.

**Description:**

This database contains information extracted from 81 volumes of soldiers that died in World War I. It includes over 703,000 individuals. Information listed may include: name of soldier, birthplace, enlistment place, residence, number, decoration, rank, regiment, battalion, type of casualty, death date, death place, and theater of war served in.

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Campaign :— **1914-15** (A) Where decoration was earned.  
 (B) Present situation.

Name	Corps	Rank	Reg. No.	Roll on which included (if any)		
(A) <b>BEST</b>	<b>Duch. L.I. Pfc.</b>		<b>25070.</b>	<b>VICTORY</b>	<b>5/1/103 B/13</b>	<b>2224</b>
(B) <b>Ralph.</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0/1/120</b>	<b>598.</b>

Action taken **Dead.**

**THEATRE OF WAR** *(1) France*

**QUALIFYING DATE.** *24. 9. 15.*

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**Correspondence.**

**Address.**



Administrative County of <u>Devon</u>				The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the						Page 24				
Civil Parish		Municipal Borough		Municipal Ward		Urban Sanitary District		Rural Sanitary District		Parliamentary Borough or Division		Ecclesiastical Parish or District		
<u>Hilton &amp; Stole</u>		<u>✓</u>		<u>✓</u>		<u>✓</u>		<u>Hilton &amp; Stole</u>		<u>Stoughton</u>		<u>Hilton &amp; Stole</u>		
Code 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES	Use of House	Number of Persons in House	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON-DIVISION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday of	PROFESSION or OCCUPATION	Employed	Employed	Employed	WHERE BORN	(1) Deaf-and-Dumb (2) Blind (3) Lame, Yoked, or Idiot
162	166 Park View	1	2	2	William Platt	Head	✓	37	Barbican		X		Barbican Barbican City	
					John	son	✓	17					do do	
					Elizabeth	son	✓	14	Brickhouse Labourer		X		do Barbican	
					William	son	✓	11	do do				do Hilton & Stole	
					John	son	✓	8					do Barbican	
163	167 Milton Hall	1	9	9	Harriet Madral	Head	✓	17					do Barbican	
					John	son	✓	14	George Assistant		X		do do	
					Elizabeth	son	✓	11					do do	
					William	son	✓	8					do do	
					John	son	✓	5					do do	
					John	son	✓	4					do do	
					John	son	✓	3					do do	
					John	son	✓	2					do do	
164	168 Milton Reg	1	3	3	Elizabeth Smith	Head	✓	17					do Barbican	
					John	son	✓	14	Barbican Labourer		X		do do	
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					Elizabeth	son	✓	14					do do	
					William	son	✓	11					do do	
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					John	son	✓	14					do do	
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					Elizabeth	son	✓	14					do do	
					William	son	✓	11					do do	
					John	son	✓	8					do do	
					Elizabeth	son	✓	5					do do	
					John	son	✓	4					do do	
					John	son	✓	3					do do	
					John	son	✓	2					do do	
7	Total of Houses and of Townships with less than Five Houses	7	1	1	Total of Males and Females			14						

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