

**In Memory of
Company Serjeant Major
EDGAR HARRY WOODBRIDGE
8229, 5th Bn., Royal Berkshire Regiment
Born in Faringdon, who died of wounds,
age 29, on 4 January 1916
Son of William and Rosina Woodbridge,
of 35, Ridley Avenue, West Ealing, London.
Remembered with honour
CALAIS SOUTHERN CEMETERY**



Commemorated in perpetuity by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

In April 1915, No. 6 Base Supply Depot was started at Calais to help relieve the pressure on Boulogne and to provide a base nearer to the front than Le Havre or Rouen.

The base remained open until the last Commonwealth forces left France in March 1921. The 30th, 35th and 38th General Hospitals, No. 9 British Red Cross Hospital and No 10 Canadian Stationary Hospital were also stationed in the town, providing about 2,500 beds.

From May 1915 to March 1918, Commonwealth burials were made in Calais Southern Cemetery. Subsequent interments were made in the new military cemetery at Les Baraques.

The cemetery now contains 721 First World War burials. There are also 224 burials of the Second World War, 56 of them unidentified, the majority dating from May 1940.

The Commonwealth plot was designed by Sir Herbert Baker