

**In Memory of
Private F MINNS
21733, 1st Bn., Royal Berkshire Regiment
Who resided in Faringdon and died on 14 November 1916
Remembered with honour
Woolstone War Memorial and
FRANKFURT TRENCH BRITISH CEMETERY,
BEAUMONT-HAMEL**



Commemorated in perpetuity by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Beaumont-Hamel was attacked by the 29th Division on the 1st July 1916, but it could not be held. It was attacked again and taken on 13 November 1916 by the 51st (Highland) and 63rd (Royal Naval) Divisions.

Frankfurt Trench British Cemetery is named from a German trench about 1.6 km North-East of the village, which remained in enemy hands until the German retreat early in 1917. The cemetery was made by the V Corps after that retreat, when their units cleared the Ancre battlefield, and it was known also as V Corps Cemetery No.11.

There are now over 150, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, over one-fifth are unidentified. The cemetery covers an area of 427 square metres and enclosed by a concrete curb.

Battle of the Ancre

14/11/1916, Serre, 1.15am, Btn. moved forward to captured enemy trenches known as Green Line. 5.30am Weather very misty. Left half Btn. was ordered to form defensive flank facing left. Right half Btn. to seize portion of Munich

Trench. Left half Btn. were succesful but right half Btn. lost heavily and the remainder reached enemy trench too weak in numbers to deal with the Germans. Btn. captured 2 officers and 50 other ranks, 1 T.M. & 1 M.G. & seized 200 yards enemy main trench on left flank this was handed over to releaving units. 8.30am - 5.30pm Btn occupied in consolidating positions gained. Enemy shelling active but passed over onto the Green Line. Enemy M.G.s and Bombers active all day. 5.30pm-12mn Btn. consolidated Serre-Munich Trench enemy. M.G.s very active. Enemy shelled position with heavy guns but failed to dislodge Btn.. 42 prisoners taken during the day in one dug out.

With smaller parties a total of over 60 were sent to the rear. Casualties: 2 officers 14 other ranks killed, 3 officers 74 O.R. wounded, 1 officer 63 O.R. missing.