

**In Memory of
Private FRANCIS ERNEST ROBEY
44939, 8th Bn., Royal Berkshire Regiment
(Formerly 42742 Hampshire)
Who died, age 20, on 31 October 1918
Son of Mr. R. A. Robey,
of Dawes Farm, Great Coxwell, Faringdon, Berks.
Remembered with honour
Great Coxwell and Faringdon United Church
War Memorials and
AWOINGT BRITISH CEMETERY**



Commemorated in perpetuity by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Awoingt is a village some 3 km east-south-east of Cambrai and a little south of the main straight road, the N43, from Cambrai to Le Cateau.

Awoingt British Cemetery was begun in the latter half of October 1918 and used until the middle of December; the village had been captured on 9/10 October.

By 28 October, the 38th, 45th and 59th Casualty Clearing Stations were posted in the neighbourhood, and the great majority of the burials were made from those hospitals, but 16 graves in Plot III, Row H, and Plot V, were brought in after the Armistice from the country immediately surrounding the village.

Awoingt British Cemetery contains 653 Commonwealth burials and commemorations of the First World War, including a special memorial to one

casualty whose grave in the cemetery cannot now be found. The cemetery also contains 63 war graves of other nationalities, most of them German.

Wounded at the Battle of the Selle.

Frank was born 1899 in Watchfield, the elder son of Robert and Mercy Robey. In 1901 Robert was a gamekeeper living at the 'double' lodge on Lechlade Road, and by 1911 was a farmer at Great Coxwell. Having previously served in Hampshire Regiment, Frank was a private in the Princess Charlotte of Wales's (Royal Berkshire Regiment) when he died of his wounds on 31st October 1918. (Dave Headey)