

**In Memory of
Serjeant FREDERICK NASH
203098, 2nd/4th Bn., Royal Berkshire Regiment
of Little Coxwell who died, age 31, on 19 May 1918
Remembered with honour
Faringdon and Little Coxwell War Memorials and
AIRE COMMUNAL CEMETERY**



Commemorated in perpetuity by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Aire is a town about 14 km south-south-east of St. Omer.

From March 1915 to February 1918, Aire was a busy but peaceful centre used by Commonwealth forces as corps headquarters. The Highland Casualty Clearing Station was based there as was the 39th Stationary Hospital (from May 1917) and other medical units.

Plot I contains burials from this period. The burials in plots II, III and IV (rows A to F) relate to the fighting of 1918, when the 54th Casualty Clearing Station came to Aire and the town was, for a while, within 13 km of the German lines.

The cemetery now contains 894 Commonwealth burials of the First World War and a few French and German war graves. There are also 21 Second War burials, mostly dating from the withdrawal to Dunkirk in May 1940.

The Commonwealth plots were designed by Sir Herbert Baker.

Frederick died of wounds.

Frederick Nash was born at Tadley, Hampshire in 1886; when Frederick left school he worked on a farm near his home.

In 1903, aged just 16/17 years, Frederick married Amy Maria Mitchell, the daughter of his employer. Fred's search for work (as gamekeeper or farm labourer) brought him and his family to Little Coxwell, settling there about 1916; after the war his wife and children moved away.

It was from Little Coxwell that Fred joined the Royal Berkshires. Frederick died of wounds sustained in battle on the 19th May 1918, he was aged 31 years. Frederick's grave is at Aire Communal Cemetery, France.