

**In Memory of
Private GEORGE ALFRED PANTING
202194, 4th Bn., Royal Berkshire Regiment
Who died, age 30, on 10 March 1917
Husband of Alice Rosetta Blundy (formerly Panting),
of London St., Faringdon, Berks.
Remembered with honour
Buckland War Memorial and
HEM FARM MILITARY CEMETERY, HEM-MONACU**



Commemorated in perpetuity by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Monacu and Hem-Monacu are two villages about 13 km south-east of Albert, a little south of the road from Albert to Peronne and north of the River Somme.

Hem-Monacu was captured by French troops in the Battles of the Somme 1916, and taken over by British troops later in the year.

Hem Farm Military Cemetery was begun by British troops in January 1917, and used until the following March, and again in September 1918; and these graves now form part of Plot I, Rows E, F and G. It was greatly enlarged after the Armistice by the addition of graves from the battlefields on both sides of the Somme.

There are now nearly 600, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, one-third are unidentified and a special memorial is erected to one soldier from the United Kingdom, believed to be buried among them. Another special memorial records the name of a soldier from the United Kingdom, buried in Clery-sur-Somme French Military Cemetery, whose grave was

destroyed by shell fire. The cemetery covers an area of 2,198 square metres and is enclosed by a red brick wall.

George, b 1888, was the second of nine children born to John Henry, farm labourer, and Agnes Panting of Buckland. In 1907 he married Alice Rosetta Hazell (b 1884 in Faringdon) in Faringdon. In 1911 age 23 he was living in Carswell Marsh, as a farm labourer, with Alice and their two children, Robert, 3, and Arthur, 1. She married Thomas Blundy in 1921 and died in 1953.