

**In Memory of  
Private GEORGE JAMES (MULCOCK) PANTING  
72143, 48th Bn., Machine Gun Corps (Infantry)  
(formerly 5464 Royal Berkshires)  
Born in Faringdon, who died, age 33, on 4 June 1918  
Remembered with honour  
Faringdon and Faringdon United Church War Memorials  
and  
MAZARGUES WAR CEMETERY, MARSEILLES**



Commemorated in perpetuity by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Marseilles was the Base of the Indian troops in France during the 1914-18 war; and throughout the War the Royal Navy, the Merchant Navy, British troops and Labour units worked in the port or passed through it.

Four of the town cemeteries were used, in the main, for the burial of officers and men of the Commonwealth forces who died at Marseilles.

At St. Pierre Cemetery, on the East side of the town, the bodies of Hindu soldiers and labourers were cremated in 1914-16.

Le Canet Old Cemetery and Le Canet New Cemetery, on the North side, were in 1917-19 the places of burial of Indian soldiers and Indian, Egyptian and Chinese labourers.

Mazargues Cemetery, on the South-East side, was used less in the War; but before the Armistice an Extension was made, to which were removed, a little

later, the bodies or ashes from the four Town cemeteries and from Port St. Louis-Du-Rhone Communal Cemetery.

There are now 1,487, 1914-18 and 267, 1939-45 war casualties commemorated in this site. The cemetery covers an of 9,021 square metres.

George James Mulcock the son of George and Elizabeth Ann Mulcock was born and baptised at Little Coxwell on 29 September 1885 twelve days after his mother's burial, leaving George and two sisters to be raised by their father, a bootmaker. George was then unofficially adopted by George Edward and Annie Panting (née Kent) of Faringdon, married 1884, but childless.

The family lived at No 1 Coxwell St (now demolished) where George Edward was a coal agent; young George worked first as an errand boy and then as draper's assistant.

A private in the Machine Gun Corps, he died of an illness on the 4th June 1918 in in the 81<sup>st</sup> General Hospital at Marseilles in France. (Dave Headey and Ann Preston)