

**In Memory of
Private GILBERT JOHN WILLIS
242254, 1st/8th Bn., Worcestershire Regiment
Born and resided in Faringdon,
Who died, age 25, on 23 February 1917
Remembered with honour
Faringdon and Faringdon Baptist Church War Memorials
and
ASSEVILLERS NEW BRITISH CEMETERY**



Commemorated in perpetuity by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Assevillers is a village approximately 10 km south-west of Peronne, Somme, France.

Assevillers was taken by the French in the autumn of 1916, evacuated by the Fifth Army on the 26th March, 1918, and retaken by the 5th Australian Division on the 28th August, 1918.

A number of cemeteries were made by the French troops at Assevillers, and in one ("E"), at the West end of the village, 13 soldiers from the United Kingdom were buried by Field Ambulances in February and March, 1917; they are now reburied in Fouquescourt British Cemetery. Assevillers

There are over 800, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, two-fifths are unidentified and special memorials are erected to 25 soldiers and one airman from the United Kingdom, known or believed to be buried among them. Other special memorials record the names of nine soldiers and two airmen from the United Kingdom, buried in other cemeteries, whose

graves were destroyed by shell fire. The cemetery covers an area of 2,655 square metres and is enclosed by a stone rubble wall.

Son of George Stafford Willis , a confectioner born in Malta, and Eliza E Willis, in 1911 Gilbert was 19 and a cook and confectioner apprentice living in Maidenhead.