

**In Memory of
Private THOMAS RICHARD LARDNER
57807, 2nd/7th Bn., Royal Warwickshire Regiment
Who died, age 18, on 11 August 1918
Son of Thomas and Rose Lardner,
of Market Place, Faringdon, Berks.
Remembered with honour
Faringdon War Memorial and
TANNAY BRITISH CEMETERY, THIENNES**



Commemorated in perpetuity by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

The village of Thiennes is about 8 km east of Aire-sur-la-Lys, which is a town found on the N43 between Bethune and St. Omer.

It was not until the German offensive of April 1918, by which Merville was overwhelmed and the German line brought past it along the Lys nearly as far as St. Venant, that Thiennes became a place of British burials.

On the 10th of that month the first death occurred in the 13th Field Ambulance (belonging to the 5th Division) during its service at Tannay, and thenceforward until the first week in August 5th Division Units carried out almost all the burials in Tannay British Cemetery. Row D of Plot II contains only men of the 1st East Surreys who died in May; Rows D and E of Plot IV only men of the 2nd K.O.S.B. who died on the 28th (or in one case the 30th) June; and Row G of Plot IV only men of the 14th Royal Warwicks who died on the 8th July. In Rows C, D and E of Plot V the 61st (South Midland) Division made the majority of the graves, in the middle weeks of August. Thiennes saw fierce

fighting once again in 1940 when it was at the southern end of the area occupied by the British Expeditionary Force during the withdrawal to Dunkirk.

The cemetery now contains 363 First World War burials and 18 from the Second World War.

The cemetery was designed by Sir Herbert Baker.