

**In Memory of
Lance Corporal WALTER ERNEST INDGE
33918, 1st Bn., Royal Berkshire Regiment
Who died, age 26, on 25 March 1918
Remembered with honour
Faringdon and Faringdon United Church War Memorials
and ARRAS MEMORIAL**



Commemorated in perpetuity by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

The French handed over Arras to Commonwealth forces in the spring of 1916 and the system of tunnels upon which the town is built were used and developed in preparation for the major offensive planned for April 1917.

The Commonwealth section of the Faubourg d'Amiens Cemetery was begun in March 1916, behind the French military cemetery established earlier. It continued to be used by field ambulances and fighting units until November 1918. The cemetery was enlarged after the Armistice when graves were brought in from the battlefields and from two smaller cemeteries in the vicinity.

The cemetery contains 2,651 Commonwealth burials of the First World War. In addition, there are 30 war graves of other nationalities, most of them German. During the Second World War, Arras was occupied by United Kingdom forces headquarters until the town was evacuated on 23 May 1940. Arras then remained in German hands until retaken by Commonwealth and Free French forces on 1 September 1944.

The cemetery contains seven Commonwealth burials of the Second World War. The graves in the French military cemetery were removed after the First World

War to other burial grounds and the land they had occupied was used for the construction of the Arras Memorial and Arras Flying Services Memorial. The Arras Memorial commemorates almost 35,000 servicemen from the United Kingdom, South Africa and New Zealand who died in the Arras sector between the spring of 1916 and 7 August 1918, the eve of the Advance to Victory, and have no known grave. The most conspicuous events of this period were the Arras offensive of April-May 1917, and the German attack in the spring of 1918.

Walter was born in Faringdon 1889 but enlisted in Stratford, Essex. He was the youngest son of Rose Indge, a widow by 1911, and lived in Coxwell St. Walter served in the Princess Charlotte of Wales's (Royal Berkshire Regiment) 1st Battalion, promoted to lance corporal. He died on 25th March 1918. (Dave Headey)