

**In Memory of
Serjeant WILLIAM HENRY EDWARD CAREY MM
202761, 2nd/4th Bn., Royal Berkshire Regiment
Who died, age 42, on 15 March 1918
Husband of Alice Edna Carey,
of Coxwell St. Faringdon, Berks.
Remembered with honour
Faringdon War Memorial and
HAM BRITISH CEMETERY, MUILLE-VILLETTE**



Commemorated in perpetuity by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Ham is a small town about 20 km south west of St. Quentin.

In January, February and March 1918, the 61st (South Midland) Casualty Clearing Station was posted at Ham, but on the 23rd March the Germans, in their advance towards Amiens, crossed the Somme at Ham, and the town remained in German hands until the French First Army re-entered it on the following 6th September.

Ham British Cemetery contains 485 Commonwealth burials and commemorations of the First World War. 218 of the burials are unidentified but there are special memorials to 14 soldiers, believed to be buried among them. Other special memorials record the names of 39 casualties known to have been buried in other cemeteries whose graves were not found.

War Diary

Wednesday 15th May 1918 France, Asylum: The day was devoted to bathing, cleaning and inspections. Packs and Blankets were issued. Canteens were

opened at the Asylum and Hamet Billett. At night "C" and "D" Coys, were working under RE supervision on the Amusoires Line. Our artillery were active during the day and night, but there was very little retaliation on the part of the enemy. Lieut-Colonel W C Oates DSO, was wounded by a splinter from an AA shell whilst resting at La Lacque and evacuated to hospital. 8 Other Ranks were wounded by shell fire on the 11th of May. It is possible that Sgt. Carey was amongst these.