

**In Memory of
Able Seaman WILLIAM JAMES HIGGS
R/1674, Anson Battalion. R.N. Division
Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve
Who died, age 20, on 25 August 1918
Born at Little Coxwell, Faringdon, Berks.
Resided in Faringdon
Son of Robert and Caroline Higgs,
of Oaksey, Malmesbury, Wilts.
Remembered with honour
Faringdon and Little Coxwell War Memorials and
BUCQUOY COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION**



Commemorated in perpetuity by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Bucquoy is a village in the Pas de Calais approximately 16 km south of Arras.

The village of Bucquoy was occupied by the 7th Division on 17 March 1917, and was the scene of very heavy fighting in March and April 1918.

Bucquoy Communal Cemetery Extension was made by the Royal Naval Division burial officer at the beginning of September 1918. It contains 68 First World War burials, all dating from 23-28 August 1918.

The extension was designed by W H Cowlshaw.

William died of wounds at the 150th (Royal Naval) Field Ambulance.

William James Higgs

Will was born, schooled, lived and worked in Little Coxwell. He was born on the 21st August 1898. By May 1917, aged 18, William was employed as a stud groom and labourer on the farm and in the gardens at Little Coxwell House.

His father, Robert Higgs, was also employed by the Little Coxwell House Estate.

Will served with the Anson Battalion (Royal Naval Brigade) fighting in the trenches. Will died of wounds at the 150th (Royal Naval) Field Ambulance on the 25th August 1918 following action in the Second Battle of Bapaume.

Will's death was four days after his 20th birthday. Will's grave is in the Bucquoy Communal Cemetery Extension, France.