

**In Memory of
Private ARTHUR BUCKINGHAM FISH
24114, B Coy. 1st Bn., Dorsetshire Regiment
Born at Stratton, Wilts.
Who died, age 20, on 11 August 1918
Son of the Rev. John W. Fish,
of Thelma, Salisbury Rd., Blandford, Dorset.
Remembered with honour
Faringdon United Church War Memorial and
BOUCHOIR NEW BRITISH CEMETERY**



Commemorated in perpetuity by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Bouchoir is a village on the straight main road from Amiens to Roye.

The village of Bouchoir passed into German hands on 27 March 1918 but was recovered by the 8th Canadian Infantry Brigade on 9 August 1918.

The New British Cemetery was made after the Armistice when graves were brought there from several small Commonwealth cemeteries and from the battlefields round Bouchoir and south of the village. Almost all date from March, April or August 1918.

The cemetery now contains 763 burials and commemorations of the First World War. 231 of the burials are unidentified but there are special memorials to five casualties known or believed to be buried among them. Another special memorial commemorates an airman buried in Laboissiere German Cemetery whose grave could not be found.

The graves in Plots I and II are numbered consecutively from 1 to 144. Those in Plot III are numbered from 1 to 135, and the same system applies to Plot IV. Plots V and VI are numbered by rows in the usual way.

The cemetery was designed by Sir Herbert Baker.

The Rev. John Fish was the minister of the church.

Arthur was a private in the 1st battalion of the Dorsetshire Regiment who died on 11th August 1918. He was born in 1898 in Stratton St. Margaret but the family moved around a lot (they were in Stoke on Trent 1901, and Petersfield, Hants, in 1911). He was the grandson of Jonathan Goddard whose memorial plaque is on the left side of the wall in United Church (and who would probably be the subject of an interesting biography in his own right). Arthur would probably be surprised to find a relative had founded the Peugeot Garage opposite the church! (Dave Headey)