

**In Memory of
Lance Corporal ERNEST HENRY HUMPHRIES
11027, 5th Bn., Royal Berkshire Regiment
Who was born in Faringdon and died, age 35,
on 13 January 1916
Remembered with honour
Faringdon All Saints' Church War Memorial
GUARDS' CEMETERY, WINDY CORNER, CUINCHY**



Commemorated in perpetuity by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Cuinchy is a village about 7 km east of the town of Bethune and north of the N41 which runs between Bethune and La Bassée.

A little west of the crossroads known to the army as 'Windy Corner' was a house used as a battalion headquarters and dressing station. The cemetery grew up beside this house.

The original cemetery is now Plots I and II and Rows A to S of Plot III. It was begun by the 2nd Division in January 1915, and used extensively by the 4th (Guards) Brigade in and after February. It was closed at the end of May 1916, when it contained 681 graves.

After the Armistice it was increased when more than 2,700 graves were brought in from the neighbouring battlefields. Guards Cemetery now contains 3,443 burials and commemorations of the First World War. 2,197 of the burials are unidentified but there are special memorials to 36 casualties known or believed to be buried among them.

Other special memorials commemorate six casualties buried in Indian Village North Cemetery, whose graves were destroyed by shell fire, and five Indian soldiers originally buried in the Guards Cemetery but afterwards cremated in accordance with the requirements of their faith.

The cemetery was designed by Charles Holden.

War Diary

Thursday 13th January 1916 France, In Trenches around Givenchy and Le Plantin: Quiet day. R.E again busy on Hd Qrs. Our Relief by Norfolks began at 6.30pm and finished at 11.45pm. It was a triangular Move, Essex Regt relieved Suffolk on Right of Brigade, Suffolk relieved Norfolk Regt in Village Line and Norfolks relieved us on Left of Line. Last Company arrived at Le Quesnoy 12.30am 14th. Battalion in Reserve. 2 Killed 7 wounded.