In Memory of
Private FREDERICK ALLAN RICHINGS
18847, 7th Bn., Gloucestershire Regiment
Who died, age 20, on 12 February 1915
Son of Albert J and Clara E Richings,
of Block Green, Faringdon
Remembered with honour
Faringdon War Memorial and
BROOKWOOD (UNITED KINGDOM 1914-1918) MEMORIAL

Commemorated in perpetuity by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Brookwood is 30 miles from London (M3 to Bagshot and then A322).

Brookwood Military Cemetery is owned by the Commission and is the largest Commonwealth war cemetery in the United Kingdom, covering approximately 37 acres. In 1917, an area of land in Brookwood Cemetery (The London Necropolis) was set aside for the burial of men and women of the forces of the Commonwealth and Americans, who had died, many of battle wounds, in the London district. Brookwood Military Cemetery now contains 1,601 Commonwealth burials of the First World War and 3,476 from the Second World War.

Frederick died in Basingstoke Hospital of cerebral meningitis.

The Faringdon Advertiser of 20 February 1915 reported:
A YOUNG SOLDIER'S DEATH. The death occurred on 12th inst. of a young soldier named Frederick Allan Richings, a native of Faringdon, the youngest son of Mr Albert Richings of Block Green, Faringdon, at the age of 20 years. (The) Deceased in August last enlisted in a Welsh Regiment, being afterwards transferred to the 7th Gloster Regiment. He was undertaking training at Basingstoke and at the beginning of last week was taken ill with cerebral meningitis, to which he succumbed after a few days' illness. The funeral took

place on Tuesday, with military honours. Before leaving Faringdon deceased was one of the Church Bell Ringers (his father having been foreman of the Ringers for many years), and to show their respect for the deceased a muffled peal was rung on the Church bells on Tuesday evening. He is buried in Worting Road Cemetery, Basingstoke.

Mark Stone writes: He was buried in Worting Road Cemetery, Basingstoke but up until a few years ago was in an unmarked grave, probably through a clerical error. I visited his grave before the headstone was erected and only found the spot because the cemetery groundsman was present, we checked the cemetery layout map and found the area. I contacted CWGC and found out his details had been found through the "in from the cold" project, volunteers looking into many of the names on the Brookwood Memorial.

He now has a new headstone and is properly commemorated.