In Memory of Gunner GEORGE McDONALD 152055, 431st Siege Bty., Royal Garrison Artillery Born in Faringdon, who died, age 31, on 24 November 1917

Remembered with honour Faringdon War Memorial and



TINCOURT NEW BRITISH CEMETERY Commemorated in perpetuity by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Tincourt is a village about 7 km east of Peronne.

The villages were occupied by British troops in March, 1917, during the German Retreat to the Hindenburg Line; and from the following May until March, 1918, Tincourt became a centre for Casualty Clearing Stations.

On the 23rd March, 1918, the villages were evacuated; and they were recovered, in a ruined condition, about the 6th September. From that month to December, 1918, Casualty Clearing Stations were again posted on the site of Tincourt.

The cemetery was begun in June, 1917, and used until September, 1919. After the Armistice it was used for the reburial of soldiers found on the battlefield, or buried in small French or German cemeteries.

Disembarked France, December 1916. Whilst with three others of his unit, George was proceeding to a Forward Observation Post, when they were all wounded by an exploding shell. George's wounds were at first thought to be slight but he succumbed soon after being admitted to No. 5 Casualty Clearing Station.

Son of William and Eliza McDonald and eldest of nine children, George had been following in his father's drapery trade at Huddersfield prior to his enlistment. As a lad, George was a keen member of Faringdon Church Choir.