

**In Memory of
Private JOB HARRY WHITING
37828, 12th Bn., Gloucestershire Regiment
Born and resided in Faringdon
Who died, age 24, on 8 May 1917
Son of Job and Jane Whiting,
of Albert Rd., St. Philips, Bristol
Remembered with honour
ARRAS MEMORIAL**



Commemorated in perpetuity by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

The French handed over Arras to Commonwealth forces in the spring of 1916 and the system of tunnels upon which the town is built were used and developed in preparation for the major offensive planned for April 1917.

The Commonwealth section of the Faubourg D'amiens Cemetery was begun in March 1916, behind the French military cemetery established earlier. It continued to be used by field ambulances and fighting units until November 1918. The cemetery was enlarged after the Armistice when graves were brought in from the battlefields and from two smaller cemeteries in the vicinity.

The cemetery contains 2,651 Commonwealth burials of the First World War. The most conspicuous events of this period were the Arras offensive of April-May 1917, and the German attack in the spring of 1918.

The memorial was unveiled by Lord Trenchard, Marshal of the Royal Air Force on the 31 July 1932 (originally it had been scheduled for 15 May, but due to the sudden death of French President Doumer, as a mark of respect, the ceremony was postponed until July).