In Memory of Private OLIVER MARK HAYNES 7365, 1st Bn., Royal Berkshire Regiment Born and resided in Faringdon Who died, age 29, on 16 May 1915 Remembered with honour Faringdon War Memorial and LE TOURET MEMORIAL



Commemorated in perpetuity by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Le Touret Memorial is located at the east end of Le Touret Military Cemetery, on the south side of the Bethune-Armentieres main road.

The Memorial in Le Touret Military Cemetery, Richebourg-l'Avoue, is one of those erected by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission to record the names of the officers and men who fell in the Great War and whose graves are not known. It serves the area enclosed on the North by the river Lys and a line drawn from Estaires to Fournes, and on the South by the old Southern boundary of the First Army about Grenay; and it covers the period from the arrival of the II Corps in Flanders in 1914 to the eve of the Battle of Loos. It does not include the names of officers and men of Canadian or Indian regiments; they are found on the Memorials at Vimy and Neuve-Chapelle. The names of those commemorated are listed on panels set into the walls of the court and the gallery, arranged by Regiment, Rank and alphabetically by surname within the rank. Over 13,000 names are listed on the memorial of men who fell in this area before 25 September 1915 and who have no known grave.

The memorial was designed by J.R. Truelove and unveiled by Lord Tyrrell on 22 March 1930.

Disembarked, France 13/08/1914. Married in 1910 and had 3 children. He was also in the original Expeditionary Force to Land in France.

Battle of Festubert

Sunday 16th May 1915 France, Richbourg l'Avoue: Battn in German trenches. The day was spent in putting the captured trenches into a state of defence. The enemy shelled our own old trenches very heavily. The Btn was relieved by the 1st Btn Kings (Liverpool) Regt about 8pm and went back and occupied our old line of trenches and billets just in rear of them.