

**In Memory of  
Private ROBERT ROBINS  
7502, 1st Bn., Royal Berkshire Regiment  
Who resided in Faringdon and died, age 28,  
on 13 November 1914  
Remembered with honour  
Faringdon War Memorial and  
YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL**



**Commemorated in perpetuity by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission**

The Menin Gate is one of four memorials to the missing in Belgian Flanders which cover the area known as the Ypres Salient.

Broadly speaking, the Salient stretched from Langemarck in the north to the northern edge in Ploegsteert Wood in the south, but it varied in area and shape throughout the war.

The Salient was formed during the First Battle of Ypres in October and November 1914, when a small British Expeditionary Force succeeded in securing the town before the onset of winter, pushing the German forces back to the Passchendaele Ridge.

### **War Diary**

Listed as wounded in The Faringdon Advertiser dated Saturday November the 19th 1914.

Nov 13th 1914 Westhoek. An incessant shower of rain and shell all day. "D" Coy were driven out of forward position about 1p.m. and withdrew back into

reserve with few casualties. Enemy reported to be massing in front of right "B" Coy. were heavily shelled by our guns. Enemy dug new line of trenches about 100 yards from front but otherwise showed little activity. They did not discover that we had vacated forward position till between 8am and 9am