In Memory of Private THOMAS JENKINS

30093, 2nd/4th Bn., Royal Berkshire Regiment Born at Uffington, Faringdon, Berks., Who died, age 38, on 5 April 1918

Son of John and Sarah Jenkins; husband of Clara Jenkins, of The Square, Highworth, Wilts.

Remembered with honour ROYE NEW BRITISH CEMETERY



Commemorated in perpetuity by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Roye is a commune in the Department of the Somme 40 km south-east of Amiens.

Roye was in German hands from 30 August 1914 until the French retook it on 17 March 1917. The town was recaptured by the Germans on 26 March 1918 but was evacuated by them on 26 August. The French First Army entered the town the following day.

Roye Old British Cemetery was 1.6 km south of the town. It was made in March 1918, by the 53rd Casualty Clearing Station but there was little time to mark the graves before the town was captured by the Germans, who extended this cemetery for the burial of their own dead.

In 1920 the Commonwealth graves were removed to Roye New British Cemetery. Roye New British Cemetery was made after the Armistice when graves were brought in from the battlefields and from the following other burial grounds.

The cemetery contains 565 Commonwealth burials and commemorations of the First World War. 153 of the burials are unidentified but there are special memorials are erected to 13 casualties known or believed to be buried among them.

Other special memorials record the names of 117 casualties buried in Marchelepot British Cemetery and in three German cemeteries, whose graves could not be found.

The cemetery also contains the graves of 43 Second World War airmen.