In Memory of Private W STALLARD

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Who resided in Faringdon and died on 20 November 1917 Remembered with honour BROWN'S COPSE CEMETERY, ROEUX



Commemorated in perpetuity by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Roeux is a village about 8 km east of Arras. Roeux was built over a system of caves which helped to make its capture in 1917 exceptionally difficult. It was attacked by the 9th (Scottish) Division without success on 12 April.

The chemical works close to the railway station were taken by the 51st (Highland) Division on 22 April and after incessant fighting, the village was cleared by the same Division on 14 May. The chemical works were lost again and retaken on 16 May. The Germans re-entered the village at the end of March 1918, and it was finally retaken by the 51st Division on the following 26 August.

The cemetery is named from a small copse (the Bois Rossignol) on the east side. The cemetery now contains 2,069 burials and commemorations of the First World War. 859 of the burials are unidentified but there are special memorials to eight casualties known or believed to be buried among them.

Other special memorials commemorate two casualties buried in Vitry-en-Artois Communal Cemetery German Extension, whose graves could not be found.

The cemetery was designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens.