

In Memory of

Private 25491

Charles Norton

1st/7th Bn., Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment)

who died on 10th May 1918, Age not recorded

Husband of May Norton of Hambleton



Remembered with Honour

Boulogne Eastern Cemetery
Boulogne-sur-Mer
Pas de Calais
France

Grave Reference: IX. B. 67.

25491 PRIVATE
C. NORTON

DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S REGT.
10TH MAY 1918



Private Norton is also commemorated on his family's gravestone in Hambleton cemetery. His wife survived him by sixty years.

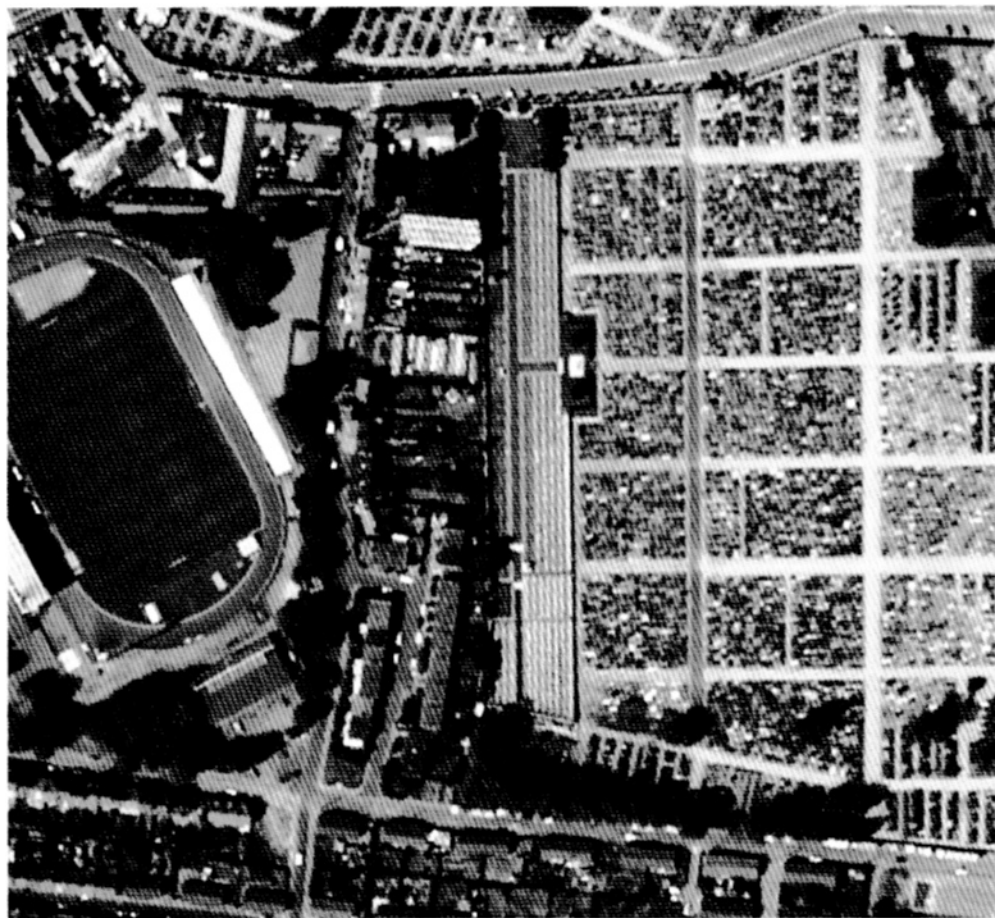
IN MEMORY OF
A DEAR MOTHER
MAY NORTON
DIED 2ND SEPT 1978
AGED 85.

WIFE OF THE LATE
CHARLES NORTON
KILLED IN ACTION MAY 1918
BURIED IN BOLOUGNE.

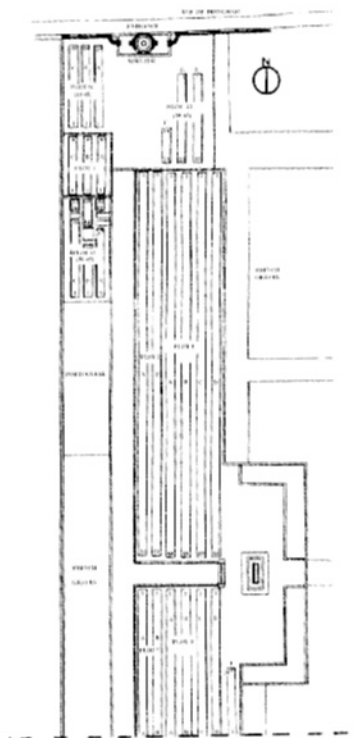
ALSO THEIR DEAR SON
WILFRED
DIED 24TH APRIL 1972
AGED 56.

RE - UNITED
ALSO MERVYN, DEAR HUSBAND
FATHER AND GRANDFATHER
DIED 17TH DEC 1983, AGED 66
AT REST.

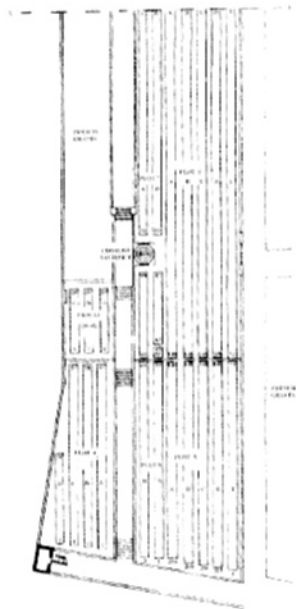
Boulogne Eastern Cemetery







DRAWING NO. 1
AT SCALE 1/4"



BOULOGNE EASTERN CEMETERY

Country:

France

Locality:

Pas de Calais

Identified Casualties:

5732

Location Information

Boulogne-sur-Mer is a large Channel port. Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, one of the town cemeteries, lies in the district of St Martin Boulogne, just beyond the eastern corner of the Citadel (Haute-Ville).

The cemetery is a large civil cemetery, split in two by the Rue de Dringhen, just south of the main road (RN42) to St Omer. The Commonwealth War Graves plot is located down the western edge of the southern section of the cemetery, with an entrance in the Rue de Dringhen. Unusually, the headstones are laid flat in this cemetery. This is due to the sandy soil.

Historical Information

Boulogne, was one of the three base ports most extensively used by the Commonwealth armies on the Western Front throughout the First World War. It was closed and cleared on the 27 August 1914 when the Allies were forced to fall back ahead of the German advance, but was opened again in October and from that month to the end of the war, Boulogne and Wimereux formed one of the chief hospital areas.

Until June 1918, the dead from the hospitals at Boulogne itself were buried in the Cimetiere de L'Est, one of the town cemeteries, the Commonwealth graves forming a long, narrow strip along the right hand edge of the cemetery. In the spring of 1918, it was found that space was running short in the Eastern Cemetery and the site of the new cemetery at Terlincthun was chosen.

Boulogne Eastern Cemetery contains 5,577 Commonwealth burials of the First World War and 224 from the Second World War.

BOULOGNE EASTERN CEMETERY.

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SLIPS CHECK 7.30.11

						Plot Row	
R.F.A. D/88 Bde.	191630	WOOLMER...	Gnr. A.J.	10.5.18	E.		190
R.W. Surreys.	61249	PALMER...	Pte. C.L.	10.5.18	E.	64	191
West York Regt.	52550	PARKER...	Pte. W.	9.5.18	E.		192
Worcesters.	22241	SHEPHERD...	Pte. E.	10.5.18	E.		193
R.F.A. C/148 Bde.	2735	COWLEY...	Dvr. T.	11.5.18	E.	65	194
Leicesters.	17574	BURCHMORE...	Pte. E.H.	10.5.18	E.		195
10/Linc. Regt.	32955	BROUGHTON...	Cpl. A.	10.5.18	E.		196
16/Netts. & Derby.	40742	JACKLIN...	Pte. F.	10.5.18	E.	66	197
R.F.A. 49/D.A.C.	795843	NORTH....	Dvr. G.	10.5.18	E.		198
1/7 W.Riding.	25491	NORTON....	Pte. C.	10.5.18	E.		199
51/M.G. Corps.	139312	BLOWMAN...	Pte. A.	10.5.18	E.	67	200
18/Liverpool Regt.	250633	O'LAHERTY...	Pte. J.	9.5.18	E.		201
R.F.A. 149/Bde.	31714	DAY.....	Gnr. R.	11.5.18	E.		202
North Staffs.	49194	SHIPLEY...	Cpl. F.J.	11.5.18	E.	68	203
R.G.A., 119/Sge.Bty.	112440	MONMICHAEL...	Gnr. J.	10.5.18	E.		204
1/6 West Ridings	41157	KENT.....	Pte. W.R.	10.5.18	E.		205
1/7 West Ridings.	307772	HARRISON...	Pte. J.I.	12.5.18	E.	69	206
R.E. 22/Inf. Sig. Co.	558153	MARTIN....	Cpl. A.S.	11.5.18	E.	73	207

to this report is attached
 COMPREHENSIVE REPORT (B) HEADSTONE TEXTS
 (those headstones to be inscribed with texts are underlined)
 and
 TWO SEPARATE LAYOUTS (the layouts to be used
 are quoted on the badge design).

to be stencilled on back
 of inscriptions abbreviated
 thus:-

BOULDER HEADSTONES

Badge No. To be put out (1)	1st line (2)	2nd line (3)	3rd line (4)	4th line (5)	Centre of Stone (6)	To be stencilled on back of Headstone (7)	To be stencilled on back of Headstone (8)
	Number and Rank	Initials NAME and Honours	Regiment	DATE		F R G	
10/11	131813 PRIVATE	GEORGE BELLIS	MACHINE GUN CORPS	9TH MAY 1918	CROSS	9 B 52	5498
17/11	12764 LANCE CPL. W.	SHAW	DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S REGT.	9TH MAY 1918	STONE	9 B 62a	5493
10/11	53343 GUNNER	GEORGE IRONMOUNIER	ROYAL GARRISON ARTILLERY	6TH MAY 1918	STONE	9 B 55b	5494
10/11	24756 PRIVATE	ALEXANDER D. ^{BLESSED} SHAW	R.O. SCOTLAND ARMS REGTS	9TH MAY 1918	CROSS	9 B 63	5495
10/11	24770 CORPORAL	JOHN HENRY KENNEDY	HAMPSHIRE REGIMENT	9TH MAY 1918	STONE	9 B 62a	5496
10/11	216366 PRIVATE	WILLIAM GEORGE TWISS	THE CAMERONIANS (SGO. BLP.)	9TH MAY 1918	STONE	9 B 63b	5497
10/11	191630 GUNNER	ARTHUR JOHN WOOLICE	ROYAL FIELD ARTILLERY	10TH MAY 1918	CROSS	9 B 64	5498
10/11	51849 PRIVATE	OSCAR LEONARD PALMER	THE QUEEN'S	10TH MAY 1918	STONE	9 B 64a	5499
10/11	52550 PRIVATE	WALTER PARKER	WEST YORKSHIRE REGIMENT	9TH MAY 1918	STONE	9 B 64b	5500
10/11	52541 PRIVATE	FRANK SHEPHERD	WORCESTERSHIRE REGIMENT	10TH MAY 1918	CROSS	9 B 65	5501
10/11	2736 DRIVER	E. ^{CONLEY} CONLEY	ROYAL FIELD ARTILLERY	11TH MAY 1918	STONE	9 B 65a	5502
10/11	17574 PRIVATE	FREDERICK N. BURCHMORE	WORCESTERSHIRE REGIMENT	10TH MAY 1918	STONE	9 B 65b	5503
10/11	52556 CORPORAL	ARTHUR BROUGHTON	LINCOLNSHIRE REGIMENT	10TH MAY 1918	CROSS	9 B 66	5504
10/11	40742 PRIVATE	F.W. JACKLIN	NOTES. & DERBY REGIMENT	10TH MAY 1918	STONE	9 B 66a	5505
10/11	705843 DRIVER	GEORGE NORTH	ROYAL FIELD ARTILLERY	10TH MAY 1918	STONE	9 B 66b	5506
10/11	25491 PRIVATE	C. NORTON	DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S REGT.	10TH MAY 1918	CROSS	9 B 67	5507
10/11	139212 PRIVATE	ARTHUR BLANCKMAN	MACHINE GUN CORPS	10TH MAY 1918	STONE	9 B 67a	5508

Badge Design No. and Layout.	Headstone No.	Line 1	Line 2	Line 3	Line 4
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1021/1K	5496	R.I.P.	(Mrs. Kirkham, 78, Dudley Street, Round Oak, Brierley Hill.)		
1053/1K	5497	IN LOVING MEMORY OF	MY DEAR HUSBAND	GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN	
		(Mrs. E. L. Twigg, 50, Harbut Road, St. Johns Hill, Battersea, S.W.11.)			
1186/1K	5498	LIFE'S WORK WELL DONE	LIFE'S CROWN WELL WON	NOW COMES REST	
		(Mrs. A. Woolmer, Glendon Hall, Mr. Kettering, Northants.)			
1061/1K	5499	A REST THAT IS ETERNAL	WHERE ALL IS PEACE AND LOVE		
		(Mrs. E. C. Palmer, 66, Mancharia Road, Clapham, S.W.)			
	5500		(Mrs. S. L. Parker, Haw Grove, Reilfield, Yorks.)		
	5501		(Mrs. F. Shepherd, 573, Ideal Village, Brodusley Green, Birmingham.)		
	5502		(Mrs. A. Cowley, 41, Park Street, Rotherfield Road, Liverpool.)		
1036/1K	5503	FORGET US NOT	O LAND FOR WHICH WE FELL		
		(Mrs. G. I. Burchmore, 217, Danstable Road, Luton, Beds.)			
1037/1K	5504	MAY HIS REWARD BE	AS GREAT AS HIS GRIEVANCE		
		(Mr. B. Broughton, 44, Binbrook Street, Four Lane Ends, Bradford, Yorks.)			
	5505				
1186/1K	5506	THE DEARLY LOVED	YOUNGER SON OF	SAMUEL AND SARAH WORTH	OF LEEDS
		(Mr. S. North, 6, Grant Terrace, Roundhay Road, Leeds.)			
	5507		(Mr. M. Norton, Hambleton, Mr. Selby.)		
	5508				
1034/1K 1034/1K	5509	GOD REST HIM	(J. O'Laverty Esq., 48, Vennore Street, Liverpool.)		
1186/1K	5510	NOT DEAD BUT GONE BEFORE	(R. W. Day Esq., Thurlby, Lincolnshire.)		
	5511		(Mrs. E. Smith, 49, Chatham Street, Shelton)		
	5512		(Mrs. M. McMichael, Old Hall Street, Malpas, Cheshire.)		
1067/1K	5513	DEARLY LOVED SON OF	JAMES & ELIZABETH LEWT	DERBY, ENGLAND	
		(Mrs. E. Kent, 61, Radson Street, Derby.)			

ORTHLEY, Capt. W., D.S.O. 2nd Bn. Durham Light Inf. 22nd Oct., 1914. I. A. 6.

MORTON, Pte. C., 25491. 1st/7th Bn. Duke of Wellington's Regt. 10th May, 1918. IX. B. 67.

MORTON, Pte. J., 241835. 1st/6th Bn. West Yorkshire Regt. Died of wounds 6th Dec., 1917. Age 39. Son of William Henry and Rose Ann Norton, of Bradford; husband of Annie Norton, of 43, Westgrove St., Bradford, Yorks. VIII. 127.

MORTON, Pte. William Robert, 15720. 6th Bn. Shropshire Light Inf. Died of wounds 27th Feb., 1916. Son of Elizabeth Norton, of Flashbrook Cottages, Newport, Salop. VIII. D. 64.

NORWOOD, Pte. W. H., 37139. 10th Bn. The Queen's. Died of wounds 2nd May, 1918. Age 27. Son of Henry and Mary Norwood, of Watford, Herts.; husband of V. Norwood, of Pretoria Rd., Watford, Herts. IX. B. 26.

NORT, Pte. Samuel Frederick, 10345. 1st Bn. The King's Shropshire Light Inf. 28th Nov., 1914. Age 20. Son of Samuel and Jane Nort, of 13, New St., Ludlow, Salop. III. B. 46.

NUNNS, Cpl. William Arthur, 465. 4th (West Riding) Bde. Royal Field Artillery. 17th Sept., 1915. Age 22. Son of Harry and Elizabeth Nunn, of 13, East Parade, Ilkley, Yorkshire. VIII. B. 79.

NUTLEY, Pte. G., G/7004. "A" Coy. 1st Bn. The Buffs. Died of wounds 3rd Jan., 1916. Age 25. Son of Mrs. Nutley, of 13, Melina Rd., Shepherd's Bush, London. Native of Hammer-smith, London. VIII. C. 76.

NUTT, Pte. David, 16014. 7th Bn. Leicestershire Regt. Died of wounds 31st July, 1916. Age 31. Son of David and Eliza Nutt, of 4, Adderley St., Lippingham, Rutland. VIII. A. 161.

OAKLEY, Lce. Cpl. B. J., 9965. 2nd Bn. Oxf. and Bucks. Light Inf. Died of wounds 24th May, 1915. Age 19. Son of John and Ellen Oakley, of Marsworth, Tring, Herts. VIII. D. 42.

OATES, Pte. Ernest, 306647. 2nd/7th Bn. Duke of Wellington's Regt. 18th April, 1917.

O'BRIEN, Pte. John, 6291. 1st Bn. Royal Irish Fusiliers. 15th May, 1915. VIII. D. 1.

O'BRIEN, 2nd Lt. P. A. 2nd Bn. Leinster Regt. 9th March, 1915. II. B. 10.

O'CONNOR, Dvr. James, 59207. 112th Bty. 24th Bde. Royal Field Artillery. 28th April, 1918. Age 32. Son of James and Mary O'Connor, of Cork; husband of Mary O'Connor, of 14, Patricks Arch, Clarence St., Cork. IX. A. 45.

O'CONNOR, Pte. Patrick, 19349. 1st Bn. The King's Liverpool Regt. Died of wounds 11th March, 1917. Age 22. Son of James and Mary O'Connor, of Drumcashel, Sligo. VIII. A. 190.

O'DEA, Pte. J., 3/8232. 1st Bn. Dorsetshire Regt. 26th April, 1915. VIII. A. 26.

ODELL, Pte. Arthur Charles, 51055. 16th Bn. Manchester Regt. 30th April, 1918. Husband of Elizabeth Ann Odell, of The Walk, Hoen St., Winslow, Bucks. IX. B. 1.

O'DELL, Gnr. Percy, 88174. "Z" Bty. 5th Bde. Royal Horse Artillery. Died of wounds 5th May, 1917. Age 22. Son of Mr. and Mrs. O'Dell, of 3, Waking Avenue, Shoeburyness, Essex. IV. B. 4.

O'FARRELL, Pte. J., 4862. 2nd Bn. Royal Irish Regt. 9th July, 1916. VIII. C. 118.

OFFER, Pte. W. G. J., T4/107947. 1st Cav. Div. Supply Col. Royal Army Service Corps. 16th Oct., 1917. VIII. I. 67.

O'GARA, Pte. Alfred, 8438. 1st Bn. Royal Welch Fusiliers. Died of wounds 21st May, 1915. Age 30. Husband of Mrs. O'Gara, of 18, Galton St., Vauxhall, Birmingham. VIII. D. 41.

O'HARA, Lce. Cpl. John, 23477, M.M. 1st Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers. Died of wounds 17th May, 1918. Age 39. Son of the late Edward and Ann O'Hara, of Gelt Rd., Brampton, Cumberland; husband of Margaret Ann O'Hara, of Brow Top, Bolton-Low-Houses, Wigan, Cumberland. IX. B. 88.

O'LAVERTY, Pte. James, 300498. 18th Bn. The King's Liverpool Regt. Died of wounds



Can. Gen. Hospital

France

May 11th 1918

Dear Mr. Norton

My last note will perhaps have prepared you for the news, which probably will reach you today from the main office, of your husband's death.

We fought hard for him & a short service of commendation here & a week ago I felt last night. Every case is so sure of him. But as I attended to your grave, I wrote you last he got worse he will be buried in the very depressed. I left him at 9 o'clock last night & he died I think about 11

I saw him daily & formed a very high opinion of his character. He was always faithful & devoted & I am sure was a most devoted husband & father. I look for your letter. I have only communicated with him several times

at British Military Cemetery on the hill side near Boulogne

& if there were any personal effects left with him or here they will be sent home through regular official channels.

May God bless & comfort you in your loss. You must try to realize that he has passed into a happier service in God's hands. Beyond & to the blessing of those who gave themselves for others, in the darkness & the loss is made - his the gain & the gladness

Yours faithfully

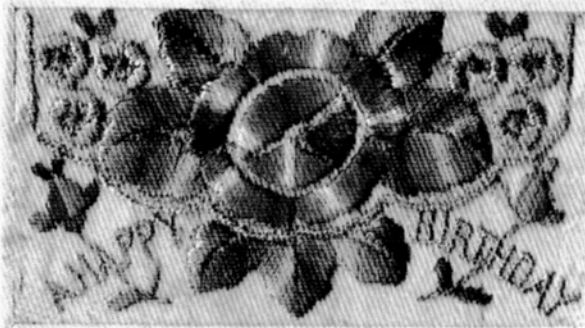
Charles D. Heston



Souvenir from France

My dear Mary
April 22nd 1917
I hope you are well
and happy
I am writing you
from the front
and hope you
will be able to
write to me
soon
I am your
affectionate
husband
John

My dear Mary
I hope you are well
and happy
I am writing you
from the front
and hope you
will be able to
write to me
soon
I am your
affectionate
husband
John



CARTE POSTALE

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To my dear wife
I am writing you
from the front
and hope you
will be able to
write to me
soon
I am your
affectionate
husband
John