# In Memory of

# F Arthey

Private
56044
10th Bn., Royal Welsh Fusiliers
who died on
Sunday, 8th April 1917.    *AGE 20*

## Commemorative Information

**Cemetery:**

**Grave Reference/**
**Panel Number:**

**Location:**

**Historical Information:**

FAUBOURG D'AMIENS CEMETERY, ARRAS, Pas de Calais, France

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Faubourg-d'Amiens Cemetery is in the western part of the town of Arras in the Boulevard du General de Gaulle, near the Citadel, approximately 2 kilometres due west of the railway station. Within this cemetery will also be found the Arras Memorial, which commemorates over 35,000 casualties of the British, New Zealand and South African Forces who have no known grave and who died between Spring 1916 and the 7th August 1918, excluding casualties of the Battle of Cambrai.

Arras was raided by German forces at the end of August 1914 and occupied, briefly, by the Germans during the last fortnight in September. It was fiercely and unsuccessfully attacked again in October, but it remained in Allied hands until the end of the War. It passed from French to British occupation in the Spring of 1916. It has given its name to the Battles of April and May 1917, in which the German front at Vimy and on the Scarpe was broken; to the Battle of the 28th March 1918, in which the German attack on the Third Army was defeated; and to the Battles of August and September 1918, in which the Third Army helped to break the Hindenburg line. The Communal Cemetery of Arras, on the East side of the town, was under fire during the 1914-18 War; and civilian burials were made in the French Military Cemetery which was opened in the Western suburb. This Military Cemetery contained in the end the graves of 770 French soldiers. Behind it there grew up, from March 1916 to November 1918, the present cemetery. It was made by Field Ambulances and fighting units. It was increased, after the Armistice, by the concentration of graves from the battlefields of Arras and from two smaller cemeteries, and about the same time the French graves in front of it were removed to other burial grounds. Two of the British graves were destroyed by shell fire and are represented by special memorials. During the 1939-45 War Arras was British General Headquarters in 1940. Rear Headquarters left on May 19th, and the town was evacuated on May 23rd, of that year. Thereafter Arras was in German hands until re-taken on September 1st, 1944, by British and Free French infantry. There are now over 2,500, 1914-18 and a small number of 1939-45 war casualties commemorated in this site. The cemetery over an area of 16,250 square metres and is enclosed by a wall. Graves from the following two cemeteries were concentrated into Faubourg-d'Amiens Cemetery:- LIGNEREUIL MILITARY CEMETERY, on the outskirts of the village, beside the road to Aubigny, which was begun by French troops and contained the graves of seven soldiers from the United Kingdom. RUE-ST. MICHEL BRITISH CEMETERY, ARRAS, in the Eastern part of the town, containing the graves of 89 soldiers from the United Kingdom and two from Canada who fell in April and May 1917.

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