

*In Memory Of*

**JOHN MORRIS MC**

**Major**  
**Royal Army Medical Corps (Territorial)**  
**who died on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> October 1918**

<b>Born</b>	<b>Enlisted</b>	<b>Residence</b>
<b>Died How</b> Killed in action		<b>Theatre of War</b> France & Flanders
<b>Additional Inf.</b> AWARDED MC	Randall Street, Hyde.	

**Commemorative Information**

**Cemetery:** BELLICOURT BRITISH CEMETERY, Aisne, France  
**Grave Reference/  
Panel Number:** II. K. 7.

**Location:** Bellicourt is a village 13 kilometres north of St. Quentin and 28 kilometres south of Cambrai on the N44 road which connects the two cities. The Cemetery is signposted at the junction of the D331 and N44 and is 100 metres from the main road along the D331 in the direction of Peronne.

**Historical Information:** The Canal de St. Quentin passes under the village in a tunnel, 5 kilometres long, built under the orders of Napoleon I. The Hindenburg Line ran West of the village, and the barges in the tunnel were used to shelter German reserves. About five kilometres South of Bellicourt, where the Canal is open, is the village of Bellenglise, where another great tunnel or dug-out was made by the Germans. On the 29th September - 2nd October, 1918, the Battle of the St. Quentin Canal was fought. The 46th (North Midland) Division stormed the Hindenburg Line at Bellenglise and captured 4,000 prisoners and 70 guns. The 30th United States Division captured Bellicourt and Nauroy, which were cleared by the 5th Australian Division. The North Midland and Australian dead of this engagement fill the greater number of the graves in Bellicourt British Cemetery. The cemetery was made after the battle, when 73 dead were buried in what is now Plot I. It was greatly enlarged after the Armistice, when graves were brought from smaller cemeteries and from the surrounding battlefields. There are now over 1,000, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, over 300 are unidentified, and special memorials are erected to 19 soldiers from the United Kingdom and two from Australia, known or believed to be buried among them. The cemetery covers an area of 4,590 square metres. It is enclosed partly by a rubble wall and partly by a curb.