

In Memory Of

GEORGE SWINDELLS

**Driver 60367
68th Field Coy., Royal Engineers
who died on Tuesday, 1st October 1918**

Born Hyde, Cheshire

Enlisted Hyde, Cheshire

Died How Died of wounds in
hospital.

Theatre of War France & Flanders

Additional Inf. Invalided to the U.K.
14 Stockport Road, Gee Cross, Hyde.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery:

BUCQUOY ROAD CEMÈTERY, FICHEUX, Pas de Calais, France

**Grave Reference/
Panel Number:**

III. C. 24.

Location:

Bucquoy Road Cemetery is situated on the D919 heading south from Arras to Alette. The Cemetery is on the right hand side of the road, 9 kilometres from Arras, just before a crossroads with the D36 between Ficheux and Boisieux-au-Mont.

Historical Information:

In November, 1916, the village of Ficheux was behind the German front line; but by April, 1917, the German retreat had brought our line considerably East of the village, and in April and May the VII Corps Main Dressing Station was posted near for the Battles of Arras. It was followed by the 20th and 43rd Casualty Clearing Stations, which remained at Boisieux-au-Mont until March, 1918, and continued to use the Bucquoy Road Cemetery which the Field Ambulances had begun. From early April to early August, 1918, the cemetery was not used; but in September and October the 22nd, 30th and 33rd Casualty Clearing Stations came to Boisieux-au-Mont and extended it. By the date of the Armistice it contained 1,166 graves and was greatly increased by concentration of graves from the surrounding battlefields and from small cemeteries in the neighbourhood. There are now just over 2,000, 1914-18 and 100, 1939-45 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, just under 200 from the 1914-18 War are unidentified and special memorials are erected to 23 soldiers from the United Kingdom who are known, or believed, to be buried among them. In addition, 21 special memorials are erected to soldiers from the United Kingdom, buried by their comrades in Henin-sur-Cojeul German Cemetery, whose graves could not be found on concentration.