

George William Bonner 1894 – 1917

24.07.1917 Killed France

Grave: IA28

Monchy British Cemetery, Monchy-Le-Preux

Age: 22

1911 Junior Clerk in Jam Factory

1917 Private 43532 Essex Reg 9th Battalion



Monchy-le-Preux
 Departement du Pas-de-Calais
 Nord-Pas-de-Calais France

Cemetery notes and/or description:
 Monchy-le-Preux is a village in the department of the Pas-de-Calais on the north side of the main road from Arras to Cambrai (D33). Monchy British Cemetery is nearly 2 kilometres west of the village down a 1 kilometre track.

The village, which sits on a relatively high and commanding position atop a conical-shaped hill, was captured by Commonwealth forces on 11 April 1917. The cemetery was begun at once and continued in use as a front-line cemetery until the German offensive of March 1918, when it fell into their hands. It was recaptured by the Canadian Corps on 26 August and used again for a month. The graves are very closely identified with the divisions which fought on this front.

There are now 581 Commonwealth servicemen of the First World War buried or commemorated in this cemetery. 58 of the burials are unidentified but there are special memorials to a number of casualties known to be buried among them. The cemetery was designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens. (Information courtesy Commonwealth War Graves Commission.)



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| Born | Parents & Siblings at Home | Locations | Mother | Father |
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| <p>4th Q 1894 Inworth area of Tiptree</p> <p>Only child?</p> | <p>George & Emma nee Godfrey</p> <p>It is thought they married on 11.11.1893 at St Mary the Virgin Church, Kelvedon, Essex, England</p> | <p>1901 Anchor Road, Tiptree</p> <p>1911 Holly Villa, Cherry Chase, Tiptree</p> <p>1917 Tiptree</p> | <p>Emma Godfrey was born 1Q 1868 in Chappel and lived at Bacon's Farm. She was baptised at Great Tey, where her father was born. In 1891, she was a kitchenmaid in Park Row Marylebone. After marriage, she kept a coffee house at home.</p> | <p>George Bonner was born in 1Q 1869 and was baptised 02.05.1869 in Kelvedon. The family home was in High Street. In 1891, he lived in Chapel Road Cottages in Tiptree as a lodger while working as a jam factory labourer. By 1901 he became a foreman jam boiler and by 1917 was Chief Jam Boiler</p> |