

## Harold William Swann 1891 – 1915

War diary: 30.05.1915 Ypres:  
Heavy shelling one man wounded.

07.06.1915 Died of wounds Ypres  
Belgium

VIII. A. 72. Boulogne Eastern  
Cemetery Part IV U K Graves P-Z  
Boulogne-sur-Mer,  
Nord-Pas-de-Calais

Age: 23

SWANN, Pte. Harold William, 1271. 1st/1st  
Essex Yeomanry. Died of wounds, received at  
Ypres, 7th June, 1915. Age 23. Son of Daniel  
and Annie Swann, of Tiptree Hall Gate, Tiptree,  
Essex. VIII. A. 72.

Son of Daniel & Annie. The family  
lived at Tiptree Hall Gate, Hall  
Road. Siblings: Mildred, **William**,  
Ernest, Wilfred, Eric. Daniel and  
the older boys were farm labourers  
and Wilfred a printer.

### Boulogne Eastern Cemetery

Boulogne-sur-Mer  
Departement du Pas-de-Calais  
Nord-Pas-de-Calais France

#### Cemetery notes and/or description:

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

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 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 in spite of repeated extensions to the south, and the site of the new cemetery at Terlincthun was chosen. During the Second World War, hospitals were again posted to Boulogne for a short time in May 1940. The town was taken by the Germans at the end of that month and remained in their hands until recaptured by the Canadians on 22 September 1944.



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Boulogne Eastern Cemetery contains 5577 Commonwealth burials of the First World War and 224 from the Second World War. The Commonwealth plots were designed by Charles Holden. (Due to the unstable nature of the soil, the grave markers are placed flat rather than upright as in most other CWGC cemeteries.)

Born	Parents & Siblings at Home	Locations	Marriage / Other	Jobs / Rank
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Q 1891</b> Radwinter  <b>Siblings</b> 1889 Mildred <b>1891 William</b> 1892 Ernest 03.06.1897 Wilfred 1903 Eric	Daniel & Annie  1911 3 brothers	<b>1911 &amp; 1915</b> Tiptree Hall Gate, Hall Road, Tiptree	<b>1944</b> Daniel dies, reg. Colchester (85)  <b>1980</b> Wilfred dies, reg. Braintree	<b>1911</b> Daniel, William, Ernest Farm labourers, Wilfred printer  <b>1915</b> Private 1271 Household Cavalry and Cavalry of the Line (incl. Yeomanry and Imperial Camel Corps) Battalion Essex Yeomanry