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World War I



10604 PRIVATE

S. W. RANDALL

WILTSHIRE REGIMENT

23RD JANUARY, 1915

Gone But Not Forgotten

War Diary – 1st Battalion

23rd January, 1915

Location – Kemmel, Belgium

Trenches. Heavy shell fire from SE believed to be 6" Howitzers at 12 noon and 4p.m. Trenches damaged. Continuous rifle fire on our left throughout the night. 8 Killed, 4 wounded.

(Information on 1st Battalion & War Diary from [The Wardrobe](#) – Home of the Infantry Regiments of Berkshire & Wiltshire)

Pte Sidney J. Randall was entitled to 1915 Star, British War Medal & Victory Medal.



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S. W. Randall is remembered in Casualties of WW1 from the Diocese of Salisbury Memorial book for the parish of Stockton, Wiltshire.

Sidney Randall is remembered on the Stockton War Memorial, Wiltshire.



Stockton War Memorial (Photo courtesy of Michael Day 2015)

Wytschaete Military Cemetery, Belgium

Wytschaete Military Cemetery is located 7 Kms south of Ieper town centre, on a road leading from the Rijselseweg N365, which connects Ieper (formerly Ypres) to Wijtschate (Wytschaete) and on to Armentieres.

Wytschaete (now Wijtschate) was taken by the Germans early in November 1914. It was recovered by Commonwealth forces during the Battle of Messines on 7 June 1917, but fell into German hands once more on 16 April 1918. The village was recovered for the last time on 28 September.

The cemetery was made after the Armistice when graves were brought in from isolated positions surrounding Wytschaete and the following small battlefield cemeteries:-

REST AND BE THANKFUL FARM, KEMMEL: 23 UK burials (13 of them 2nd Suffolks), mostly of 1915.

R.E. (BEAVER) FARM, KEMMEL: 18 Royal Engineer and four Canadian Engineer burials of 1915-1917.

The CEMETERY NEAR ROSSIGNOL ESTAMINET, KEMMEL: 18 UK burials (11 of the 1st Wiltshire Regiment), of January-April 1915.

SOMER FARM CEMETERY No.2, WYTSCHAETE: 13 UK burials made by IXth Corps in June 1917.

GORDON CEMETERY, KEMMEL: 19 UK burials (14 of them 1st Gordon Highlanders) of January-May 1915.

There are now 1,002 servicemen of the First World War buried or commemorated in this cemetery. 673 of the burials are unidentified, but there are special memorials to 16 casualties known or believed to be buried among them. Other special memorials commemorate casualties known to have been buried at the Cemetery near Rossignol Estaminet, RE (Beaver) Farm and Rest and be Thankful Farm, whose graves could not be found on concentration.

(Information from CWGC)



Wytschaete Military Cemetery

(Photo from International Wargraves Photography Project)



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Photo of Pte S. W. Randall's CWGC Headstone in Wytschaete Military Cemetery, Belgium.



