

In Memory of**Horace William Brooks MC**

**Second Lieutenant
8th Bn., Somerset Light Infantry
who died on
Monday, 4th November 1918. Age 24.**

**Additional
Information:**

Son of William Brooks, of Ham Hill, Stoke-under-Ham, Somerset.

Commemorative Information**Cemetery:
Grave Reference/
Panel Number:
Location:**

CROSS ROADS CEMETERY

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Fontaine-au-Bois is a village between Le Cateau and Landrecies.

From the main street of the village take the Rue du Pont for approximately 1.5 kilometres to find the Cemetery on the right side of the road, a few metres east of the Bousies-Ors road.

**Historical
Information:**

Cross Roads Cemetery was begun in the first week of November, 1918, by the 1/1st Northumbrian Field Ambulance; and at the Armistice it contained the graves of 61 soldiers from the United Kingdom (now Row A and part of Row B, Plot I). It was then enlarged by the concentration of graves from the battlefields between the Escaut and the Sambre, and from certain other cemeteries; with four exceptions, every man buried in it fell between the 1st October, 1918 and the Armistice.

There are now nearly 750, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, over 100 are unidentified and special memorials are erected to one soldier from the United Kingdom and one from New Zealand, believed to be buried among them. Other special memorials record the names of nineteen soldiers from the United Kingdom, one from New Zealand and one from South Africa, buried in Bavay German Cemetery and Landrecies Communal Cemetery, whose graves could not be found.

The cemetery covers an area of 2,512 square metres and is enclosed by a red brick wall on three sides.

The following were among the burial grounds from which British graves were brought to Cross Roads Cemetery:-

BAVAY GERMAN CEMETERY, on the South side of the road to Feignies, in which eleven soldiers from the United Kingdom and two from New Zealand were buried in the latter half of 1918. The German graves have been removed to Frasnay German Cemetery.