

Alfred Maurice Bond 1891 – 1916

21.10.1916 Killed France
 Grave: Plot: I. B. 9,
 Regina Trench Cemetery,
 Grandcourt
 Depart. de la Somme
 Picardie, France
 Age: 25



Regina Trench Cemetery, Grandcourt

Cemetery notes and/or description:
 Although Regina Trench Cemetery is in the commune of Grandcourt, it is not possible to gain access to the cemetery from Grandcourt. Visitors should approach the cemetery from the direction of Courcelette, which is a village about 8 kilometres north-east of Albert (next to the main road D929 Albert-Bapaume). The cemetery lies about 1.5 kilometres north-west of the village of Courcelette (signposted in the centre of Courcelette) and will be found 1.5 kilometres down a single track lane not suitable for cars.

On 1 July 1916, the first day of the Battle of the Somme, Grandcourt village was reached by part of the 36th (Ulster) Division, but it was not until the German withdrawal to the Hindenburg Line, early in February 1917, that it was occupied by patrols of the Howe Battalion, Royal Naval Division. To the south-east of it is Courcelette, taken by the 2nd Canadian Division on 15 September 1916. Regina Trench was a German earthwork, captured for a time by the 5th Canadian Brigade on 1 October 1916, attacked again by the 1st and 3rd Canadian Divisions on 8 October, taken in part by the 18th and 4th Canadian Divisions on 21 October, and finally cleared by the 4th Canadian Division on 11 November 1916. The original part of the cemetery (now Plot II, Rows A to D) was made in the winter of 1916-1917. The cemetery was completed after the Armistice when graves were brought in from the battlefields of Courcelette, Grandcourt and Miraumont; most date from October 1916 to February 1917. Many of these graves contain more than one burial and where two names are shown on the one headstone, it is necessary to count the individual names in order to find the correct grave location.

Regina Trench Cemetery now contains 2279 burials and commemorations of the First World War. 1,077 of the burials are unidentified but there are special memorials to 14 casualties believed to be buried among them. One American airman is also buried in the cemetery. The cemetery was designed by Sir Herbert Baker. (Information courtesy Commonwealth War Graves Commission.)



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Born	Parents & Siblings at Home	Locations	Marriage / Other	Jobs / Rank
1Q1891 Stoke-by-Nayland	Alfred & Alice Elizabeth nee Stow	1891 18 Back Street, Stoke-by-Nayland		1891, 1901 & 1911 father agricultural labourer
Siblings 1Q1891 Alfred Maurice	1901 4 brothers	1901 & 1911 Anchor Road, Tiptree		1911 Farm Labourer
1893 Arthur	1911 5 brothers	1916 Station Road, Tiptree		1916 Private 43360 Essex Reg. 10 th Battalion
1895 Ernest	2 sisters			
1898 Leonard				
1900 William				
1903 Edward Albert				
1906 Olive Emma				
1909 Ida Alice				