

Edward Albert Johnson

His service papers still exist but they are difficult to read and in places they seem to show contradictory information which is not helpful.

For example, one of the contradictions is when he first went abroad. In some places it says 28th April 1916 which is when the 141st Heavy Battery first went overseas. We think Edward did not go at that time but went out later in July.

Our summary of the information is as follows:

- Employed as a Litho Printer
- Lived at 12, Willis Road, Plaistow, Essex with wife Alice Frances Johnson and daughter Rose Alice Johnson born 5th September 1909

- Enlisted East Ham 9th October 1915, 2866, 141st (East Ham) Heavy Battery RGA
- Promoted Bombardier 1st Feb 1916
- Left Southampton 28th July 1916
- Landed Le Havre 30th July 1916
- Promoted Corpl. 15th August 1916

- Promoted Acting Sergt. 17th February 1917
- Reverted to Corpl. 3rd April 1917
- Promoted Acting Sergt. 5th June 1917
- Confirmed in rank 15th June 1917
- GSW neck on 3rd July 1917 treated at 96th Field Ambulance
- Re-joined 141st HB on 13th July 1917
- GSW left arm 27th July 1917 treated at 46th FA and GH at Rouen
- Invalided to England 15th August 1917 on HS "Kalyan" – GW arm (L)
- Admitted to St. Michaels Hospital, Brampton, Cumbria on 16th August 1917
- Discharged 7th September 1917
- Posted to RA Depot Ripon on 17th September 1917

- Posted to 3 Res HB at Winchester 11th January 1918
- Returned to France 28th July 1918
- Posted to 129th (Bristol) Heavy Battery from base on 22nd August 1918
- Killed in action 1st September 1918

Military Medal

Award was in London Gazette issue number 7768 dated 28th July 1917, entry reads:

293732 Corporal E. A. Johnson, RGA

He received the MM whilst stationed at Ripon on 14th December 1917

His body was exhumed from map reference 57c G17 b4.5 on 13th January 1920 and reburied in Achiet le Grand Communal Cemetery Extension.


As was body of Gunner Robert Daniels (291652) of the same Battery killed on same day.

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The CWGC website now includes access to more information.

JOHNSON, E A

Rank:	Serjeant
Service No:	293732
Date of Death:	01/09/1918
Age:	29
Regiment/Service:	Royal Garrison Artillery 129th Heavy Bty.
Awards:	M M
Grave Reference:	IV. G. 1.
Cemetery:	ACHET-LE-GRAND COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION
Additional Information:	Husband of Alice Frances Morley (formerly Johnson), of 12, Willis Rd, West Ham, London.

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Grave Registration (2)	Concentration (1)	Headstone (2)
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Grave Registration Reports (GRRs) are standard forms which detail graves for which the Commission is responsible within a particular burial ground. They provide basic details of the individuals, such as name, service number, rank, regiment, unit and date of death, and are listed in Plot, Row and Grave order.



GRAVES REGISTRATION REPORTS (FINALS)



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If you click on the 'concentration' tab then you get the following form which gives the map reference of where the body was originally buried.

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CONCENTRATION OF GRAVES (Exhumation and Reburials).

BURIAL RETURN.

Name of Cemetery of Reburial

Achiet le Grand Communal Cemetery (British)

6639

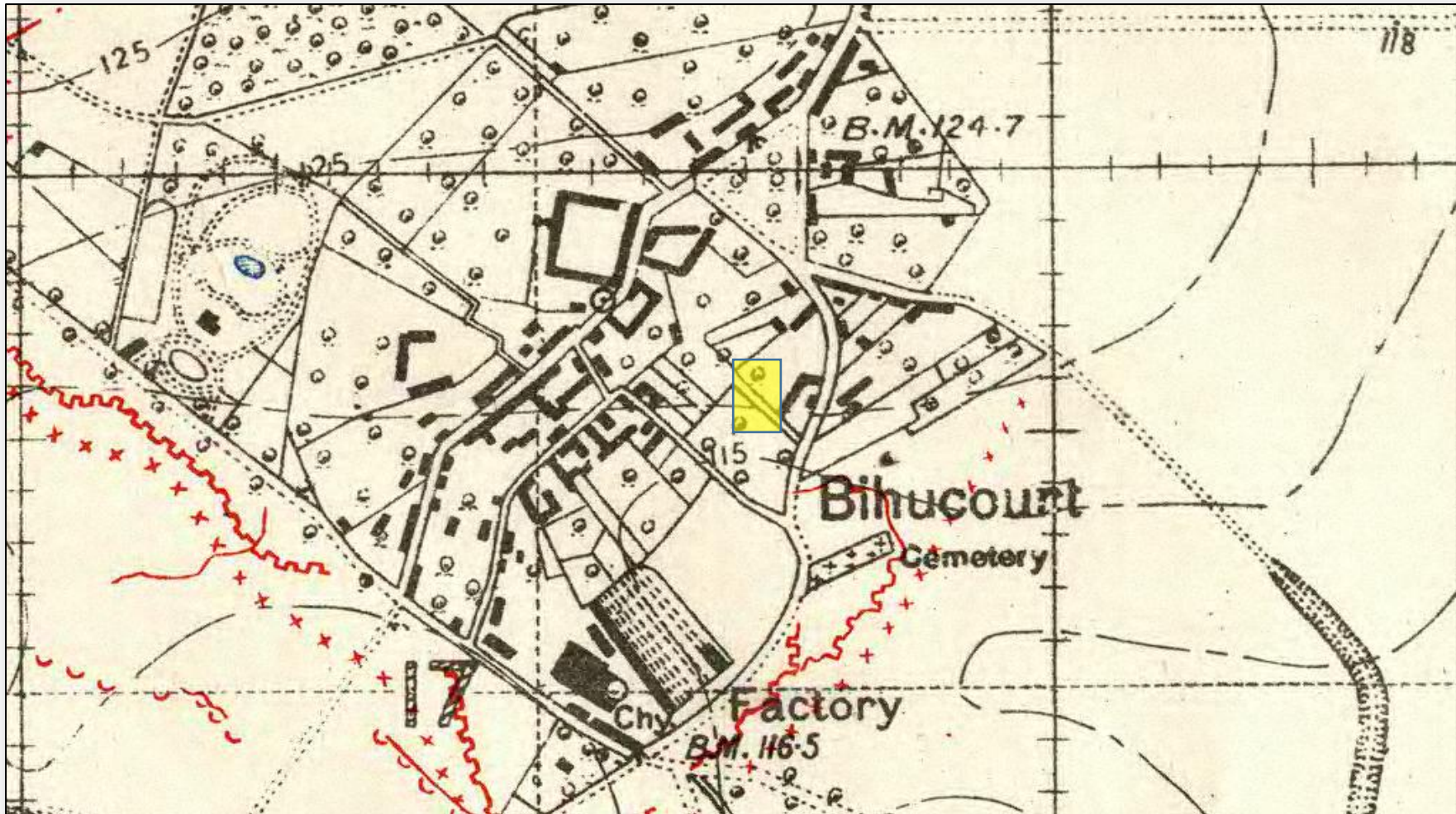
*Identified correct
all crosses checked
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Plot	Row	Grave	Map Reference where body found	Was cross on grave?	NO	RANK	NAME	Regimental particulars	REG	DATE	Means of Identification	Were any effects forwarded to Base?
4	E	4	57 ^c G17 b 4 5	YES	295732	PTE	MARNOCK	VR 15 th E SURREY	✓	29.8.18	G.R.U. Trench	NO
"	"	5	"	"	235693	SERG	COWARD	W 2/4 W RIDING	✓	30.8.18	"	"
"	"	6	"	"	33771	PTE	TAYLOR	W 1 st CHESHIRE	✓	2.9.18	"	"
"	"	7	"	"	15058	GUNNER	FRONCKTON	VR 14 A BATTERY 124000 37 DIV	✓	3.9.18	"	"
"	"	8	"	"	291652	"	DANIELS	R 129 H B R G A	✓	1.9.18	"	"
"	"	9	G17. b 8 2	"	69537	PTE	GRIFFITHS	13 R FUS	✓	25.8.18	CROSS UNIT	"
"	"	10	"	"	79078	"	PARMETER	13 R FUS	✓	25.8.18	"	"
"	G	1	G17. b 4 5	"	295732	SERG	JOHNSON	VR 14 H B R G A	✓	1.9.18	G.R.U. Trench	"
"	"	2	G17. c 8 9	"	"	PTE	PARKER	G 10 R FUS	✓	NIL	G.R.U. Trench	"
"	"	3	G10 d 2 3	"	38673	"	LONO	H 13 R A R	✓	24.8.18	"	"
"	"	4	G17. b 8 2	"	NIL	NIL	UNKNOWN	NIL	✓	NIL	"	"

Achiet le Grand 1-25E

This form to be made out in triplicate, two copies being handed to the D.A.D. (C. of G.) and the other retained by the Burial Officer.

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It would be worth checking with someone who knows about trench maps but we think the yellow area marks the approximate place where Edward and Robert were originally buried. You will also see that the first four men on the concentration list also came from the same location. No doubt other men now in Achiet also came from the same place.