

Private Memorial to Frank Morris



On the wall of the Holy Trinity is a brass private memorial to Frank Morris.

917 Sergeant Frank Morris D Battery 223 Brigade Royal Field Artillery.
Killed in Action 30th November 1916 aged 32.
He is buried in Knightsbridge Cemetery, Mesnil (photo above).

Morris was a member of the local territorial artillery unit which was the 4th Home Counties Howitzer Battery. In 1916 this unit formed D Battery of 223 Brigade of the Royal Field Artillery. This unit was assigned as divisional artillery to the 63rd Royal Naval Division, newly arrived in France from Gallipoli and in need of artillery. During the Battle of the Ancre in November 1916, 223 Brigade were drawn up on a ridge in front of Mesnil called Knightsbridge. After the 63rd Division was withdrawn their artillery remained to support other units. During these actions Frank Morris was killed. He was buried near to his battery positions, hence Knightsbridge Cemetery.