

The WWI Battlefield Grave Marker crosses in the church are a moving reminder of the Deddington men who sacrificed their lives in all wars on our behalf. I have recently discovered there may be an untold story as to how our crosses were recovered. A new website <http://thereturned.co.uk/> now maps the location of over 550 other similar Grave Markers (22 in one location) across Great Britain and further afield. Its Home page provides a very full account of the background to the original battlefield burials and there is a Location List of all the Grave Markers in their records. Look for St Peter and St Paul, Deddington, under Oxfordshire and click on the link. You will find somewhat fuller details than in *A Parish at War* because it includes details of the fighting in which each death occurred.

Ruth O'Quigley has left comments on the website saying that the three Hancox brothers were her Grand Uncles and her Grandfather was their brother, Arthur James, who was the only one of the four to survive the war. Intriguingly she also says " In 1928 their father went to France with other men from Deddington to look for the graves. They found the crosses of Walter David and Albert Edward but no cross for William Rufus." So there is perhaps a story to be told of this trip to France and the sad search they undertook across what would still have been a very bleak battlefield landscape. Her last post was in February this year. If anyone knows how to contact Ruth please say that I would very much like to be in touch.

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