

## **Herts at War**

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**Name:** Frederick Arthur TAYLOR

**Rank:** Private

**Service Number:** 25412

**Date of Death:** 14<sup>th</sup> February 1917

**Age:** 24

**Regiment/Service:** 4<sup>th</sup> Bedfordshire Regiment

**Award:** British War Medal and Victory Medal

**Grave/Memorial Reference:** Pier and face 2c

**Cemetery/Memorial:** Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France

**UK Cemetery/Memorial:** Goffs Oak Memorial  
Cheshunt Memorial



### **Pre War:**

He was born in 1893 in Cheshunt, the 6<sup>th</sup> of 7 children of William and Ellen, an Agricultural labourer. In 1901 the family were living in 1, Holly Cottages, Hammond Street. He enlisted at Cheshunt into The 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment.

### **Wartime Service:**

Extract from [www.bedfordregiment.org.uk](http://www.bedfordregiment.org.uk):

The battalion was based at Bedford when war broke out on the 4th August 1914, and was moved to Felixstowe to provide home defence around Harwich as well as drafts for the front line battalions. After the disaster on the Somme in July 1916, the 4th Battalion, along with the equivalent units from other regiments, was mobilised and sent to the Western Front. They landed in France on the 25th July 1916 and were formed - with other similar battalions - into the 190th Brigade of the 63rd (Royal Naval) Division, where they would remain until the end of hostilities.

It is likely that he was killed in action during a battle at Miraumont during which 68 men were killed.

### **Additional Information:**

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