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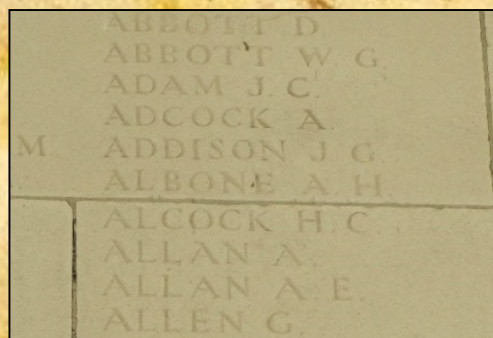
Name: Arthur Henry Albone

Rank: Private

Service Number: 82514

Date of Death: 22nd March 1918

Age:



Regiment/Service: Machine Gun Corp (Infantry).

Award:

Grave/Memorial Reference: Bay 10

Cemetery/Memorial: Arras Memorial

UK Cemetery/Memorial: Hitchin War Memorial, St Mary's Church. Panel A
St Mary's Church Memorial Book, Hitchin (*not confirmed*)

Pre War:

He was born in Stevenage on the 8th January 1892 and educated there. At the time of his enlistment in Bedford on the 19th October 1916, he was resident in Hitchin, living at 1 Nursery Villas on Queen Street. Before joining up, he was employed by the Post Office for 12 years. He had been a messenger boy and a postman in Stevenage and moved to the Hitchin Post Office later.

He was the son of the late Joseph Albone of Stevenage and his widowed mother Emma lived at 19, Haycraft Road, Stevenage. He also had brothers and sisters.

He married Ethel Jennie Sadler in the parish church in Stevenage on the 10th June 1916. They had a daughter Claribel Jennie who was born on the 11th August 1917. Their home was at 1, Nursery Cottages, Queen St. Hitchin.

Wartime Service:

Initially he was Regimental Number 8042 in the London Regiment but was later posted as Number 82514 into the 63rd Battalion Machine Gun Corps (Infantry) where he was a signaller in France. He went to France on the 21st April 1917 and was in action at Trescault when he was shot dead whilst carrying a wounded gunner. He was buried in Trescault near Cambrai.

A comrade wrote, "*I, along with Private Albone, was up the line signalling, when one of our gunners was wounded. Volunteers were asked for to carry the lad to the dressing station. Albone was the first to answer the call and it was while carrying the lad he was hit and died instantly. - He was a good soldier and a good chum and all the lads miss his bright and sunny disposition*".

He has no known grave and is remembered on Bay 10 of the Arras Memorial to the Missing, Pas de Calais, France.

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