

Herts at War

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Name: Charles Marcus Barker
Rank: Corporal
Service Number: 201484
Date of Death: 23rd November 1917
Age: 34
Regiment/Service: G Battalion Tank Corp



Award:

Grave/Memorial Reference: Panel 13.

Cemetery/Memorial: Cambrai Memorial, Louveral, Nord, France.

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

Pre War:

Before joining up he was in partnership with his brother and together they ran a tailoring business called W.T. Barker. He enlisted in April 1916 in order that his brother could keep the business running. He was born in and enlisted in Hitchin. His home was at Starling's Bridge in Hitchin and he was his parents fourth son.

Wartime Service:

Charles was given the Regimental Number 38195 in the Machine Gun Corps and later he transferred to the Tank Corps and was given the Number 201484.

He was killed in action in France. This was in 'G' Battalion of the Tank Corps 1st Brigade which was supporting the 62nd Division of III Corps.

The 62nd Division infantry and 'G' Battalion 1st Brigade tanks operated at Havrincourt and captured Graincourt on the 20th November. Some tanks pushed on to Bourlon Wood and the Cambrai Road but the infantry were too exhausted to follow. On the 23rd November 1917 they attacked Bourlon village but failed to capture it.

He has no known grave, but is remembered on Panel 13 of the Cambrai Memorial to the Missing.

Additional Information:

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