

Herts at War

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Name: William Charles Barrett
Rank: Private
Service Number: 45185
Date of Death: 9th October 1917
Age: 21
Regiment/Service: 11th Battalion Suffolk Regiment



Award:
Grave/Memorial Reference: I. G. 8
Cemetery/Memorial: CEMENT HOUSE CEMETERY, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.
UK Cemetery/Memorial: Hitchin War Memorial, St Mary's Church, Panel A
St Mary's Church Memorial Book, Hitchin (*not confirmed*)
St Saviour's Church War Memorial, Radcliffe Rd., Hitchin

Pre War:

He was born in Bishops Stortford and enlisted in Hitchin. His wife was Mrs L. Barrett, later Thorogood, of 11, Waltham Road, Hitchin.

Wartime Service:

He was allocated Regimental Number 45185 in the 11th Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment. He was killed in action in Belgium.

His death was probably in the vicinity of the southern end of the Houthulst Forest north west of Poelcappelle in the Ypres Salient. At the time the 11th Battalion of the Suffolks was in the 101st Brigade of the 34th Division of XIV Corps of the 5th Army and was in the line but not taking part in any specific battle. However, three men from the Suffolks killed on the same day are buried side by side which suggests that they were casualties of shelling.

He was buried in Plot I, Row G, Grave 8 at Cement House Cemetery in Belgium, about 600m west of Langemark. The bunker, after which the cemetery is named, can still be seen. A private inscription on his gravestone reads "*He sacrificed all for us. L.T.*" His former wife became 'LT.'

Additional Information:

Husband of L. Thorogood (formerly Barrett), of 11, Waltham Rd., Hitchin. Native of Baldock, Herts

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