

Herts at War

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Name: Walter Bath
Rank: Rifleman
Service Number: 8979
Date of Death: 3rd May 1915
Age:



Regiment/Service: 1st Battalion Rifle Brigade
Award: He was entitled to the Mons Star, British War and Victory medals.
Grave/Memorial Reference: Panel 46 - 48 and 50.
Cemetery/Memorial: Ypres Memorial Menin Gate.
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 Tempsford in Bedfordshire but was resident in Hitchin. His home was 60, Grove Road, Hitchin. Another home address given for him was 11, Cannon's Cottages, Hitchin. He attended Hitchin Boys British School

Wartime Service:

His Regimental Number being 8979 and was mobilised in Hitchin in August 1914.

He was involved in the Retreat from Mons and in the battles at La Bassee and was killed in action in the 2nd Battle of Ypres. He was in the 1st Battalion of the Regiment which was part of the 11th Brigade in the 4th Division of V Corps in the 2nd Army.

On the day of his death the enemy renewed attacks to the east as part of the Battle of St. Julien, near Ypres, and the 1st Battalion was badly mauled on the right flank of the Brigade. Their trenches were almost cleared of defenders.

He has no known grave and is remembered on Panels 46-48 & 50 of the Menin Gate Memorial to the Missing at Ypres in Belgium.

Additional Information:

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