

## **Herts at War**

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**Name:** John William Beeton  
**Rank:** Private  
**Service Number:** 22066  
**Date of Death:** 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1917  
**Age:** 22  
**Regiment/Service:** 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion  
Bedfordshire Regiment  
**Award:** He was entitled to the British War  
and Victory medals.  
**Grave/Memorial Reference:** I. S. 20.



**Cemetery/Memorial:** PHILOSOPHE BRITISH CEMETERY, MAZINGARBE, FRANCE.  
Hitchin War Memorial, St Mary's Church, Panel A  
**UK Cemetery/Memorial:** St Mary's Church Memorial Book, Hitchin (*not confirmed*)  
Holy Saviour Church War Memorial, Radcliffe Rd., Hitchin

### **Pre War:**

His home was at 18, Trevor Road, Hitchin and he was the son of the late Michael Beeton and Mrs Beeton. As a child he was a schoolboy at St. Mary's School, Hitchin. Later he was a bass singer in the choir at St. Mary's Church. He was apprenticed to Mr A.W. Hayter the organ builder of Letchworth but before joining up was employed by the Great Northern Railway. He had been born in Hitchin, resided there and in February 1915 volunteered in Bedford for service.

### **Wartime Service:**

John was given Regimental Number 22066 in the 8th Bedfords. He went to France in 1916 and served on the Somme and at Cambrai. He was killed in action in France.

At the time of his death the Battalion was in the Hulluch Sector in the area of Posen Alley with trench raids taking place on both sides.

He was buried in Plot I, Row S, Grave 20 in the Philosophe British Cemetery, Mazingarbe, France.

### **Additional Information:**

### **Acknowledgments:**

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