

Herts at War

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Name: Ernest William Bennett

Rank: Private

Service Number: 5420

Date of Death: 4th September 1916

Age:

Regiment/Service: 1st Battalion Hertfordshire Regiment

Award: He was entitled to the British War and Victory Medals.

Grave/Memorial Reference: D.24

Cemetery/Memorial: Knightsbridge Cemetery, Mesnil-Martinsarat, France

UK Cemetery/Memorial: Hitchin Territorials' Memorial

Pre War:

His home was at the Old Rectory, Welwyn.

Wartime Service:

He enlisted in Hertford but his home was in Welwyn. His Regimental number was 5420. He had volunteered in May 1915 and after training was sent to the Western Front. He fought at Ypres and on the Somme where he died of wounds.

At the time of his death, the 1st Battalion Hertfordshires were part of the 118th Brigade of the 39th Division in V Corps. The Division attacked north of the River Ancre on the 3rd September 1916 with the Hertfordshires in reserve. The weather at the time was showery with an inch of rain on the 4th September and the temperature 66°F. The attack was unsuccessful. They remained in the area until the 12th September when they moved to Engelbelmer.

Additional Information:

Buried in the same cemetery as J.F. Parcell (Hitchin and Pirton).

Acknowledgments:

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