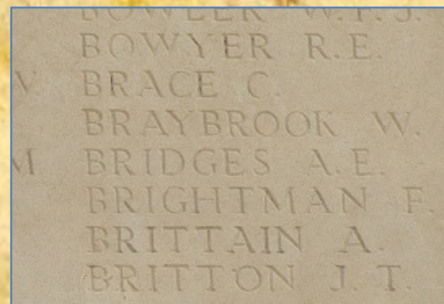


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Name: Arthur W W Brittain
Rank: Private
Service Number: 27445
Date of Death: 25th September 1916
Age: 35



Regiment/Service: 1st Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment

Award:

Grave/Memorial Reference: Pier and Face 2C

Cemetery/Memorial: Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.

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

Pre War:

He was the son of Joseph Ward and Sarah Charlotte Brittain of 39, Bunyan Road, Hitchin.

Before joining up he was a market gardener in Graveley. He was born in New Cross in Kent, resided in Graveley and enlisted in Bedford.

Wartime Service:

Arthur received the Regimental Number 27445. He served in the 1st Battalion of the Regiment which was in the 15th Brigade of the 5th Division, XIV Corps. He had only been in France a few weeks when he was killed in action.

His date of death coincides with an attack towards Morval in which the Bedfords captured the Sunken Road east of Albert and Guillemont only ten minutes after zero hour, following up an initial attack made by the Norfolks. The Cheshires then passed through the Bedfords and took Morval. The Bedfords sustained 114 casualties that day.

He has no known grave, but is remembered on Pier 2, Face C of the great Thiepval Memorial to the Missing in France.

Additional Information:

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