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Name: William James Broughton
Rank: Private
Service Number: 10273
Date of Death: 21st October 1914
Age:
Regiment/Service: 2nd Battalion Highland Light Infantry



Award:

Grave/Memorial Reference: A3. 5.

Cemetery/Memorial: Ypres Town Cemetery, Belgium.

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 Islington in North London. His home address was Barnard's Yard, Queen St. Hitchin and enlisted in Mill Hill.

Wartime Service:

By October 1914 he was in the Huntingdon Cyclists Battalion. Later, he was given the Regimental Number 10247 and posted to the 1st Battalion of the East Surrey Regiment which was in the 95th Brigade of the 5th Division. He was killed in action in France.

The Battalion had moved forward to positions in and west of Longueval on the 19th July 1916 and heavy casualties from shelling were noted until the 22nd July 1916.

For some unknown reason he is shown as 'Robert Henry Boughton' in the records of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and 'Soldiers died' database, but with the same rank, number and date of death. His age in the C.W.G.C. records is given as 25 years and that he was the son of Mrs Emily Boughton of 103 North Hill, Highgate, London.

He has no known grave and is remembered on Pier and Face 6B and 6C of the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing in France.

Additional Information:

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