

Herts at War

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Name: Norman Algernon Brown
Rank: Second Lieutenant
Service Number:
Date of Death: 8th February 1919
Age: 21
Regiment/Service: 4th Battalion Royal Fusiliers



Award:

Grave/Memorial Reference: Grave 3459

Cemetery/Memorial: Biggleswade Town Cemetery, Biggleswade, Bedfordshire

UK Cemetery/Memorial: Hitchin Boys Grammar School WW1 Memorial, Stained Glass Window, School Library. Grammar School Walk, Hitchin.
Also on Biggleswade Memorial

Pre War:

He was born on the 1st February 1898. His father, the late John Albert Brown, had been a solicitor's managing clerk. His mother was named Alice. Norman's home was in Ladbrooke in Biggleswade. Prior to attending the Hitchin Grammar School for the period 1910-1914 he was at Bedford Modern School. On leaving he became a clerk in a bank.

Wartime Service:

Initially a rifleman in an O.T.C. of the London Rifle Brigade, he received his commission and went to France with the 4th Battalion of the London Regiment and saw considerable action during 1917. He was posted to the 4th Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers. He was wounded and returned to England.

He was then appointed officer in charge of a prisoner of war camp at Farnborough. Unfortunately, he succumbed to the influenza epidemic that was raging in 1919 and died of pneumonia in Aldershot. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission states that he died on the 28th February 1919.

He was buried in private grave 3459 in the old cemetery in Biggleswade, Beds. Several of his family are commemorated at the same location. An inscription on the headstone reads "*Their work was well and nobly done*".

Additional Information:

His mother Alice remarried to become Mrs Tipple.

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