

Herts at War

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Name: William John Tanner Burrows
Rank: Private
Service Number: 73903
Date of Death: 21st January 1918
Age: 32

Regiment/Service: 124th Company Labour Corp

Award:

Grave/Memorial Reference: Plot XIII Row G Grave 3

Cemetery/Memorial: Dozinghem Military Cemetery, Belgium.

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

Pre War:

Before the war he was employed in the furniture department of Moss and Sons. He was a Sunday school teacher at St. John's Church, Hitchin, a member of the Church of England Men's Society and a member of the Bible Class. He joined the army on the 26th February 1917 after having been rejected on several occasions. He was a native of Buckingham. He was a married man with three young children, the eldest child being six years of age, and his home was at 28, Union Road, Hitchin

Wartime Service:

Initially he served in the Royal West Surrey Regiment with the Regimental Number 47268 and was in the 16th Infantry Labour Corps. Later he was transferred to the 124th Company in the Labour Corps with the Number 73903. Within ten days of his enlistment he was in France and his first leave was not until the 26th December 1917 when he was given two weeks off. During his leave he suffered a bad cough which was aggravated by a long march through deep snow back to his unit during which he collapsed several times. He was admitted to hospital a few days after arriving back in France and died of bronchitis and nephritis in the 4th Casualty Clearing Station.

He was buried in Plot XIII, Row G, Grave 3 in Dozinghem Military Cemetery in Belgium.

Additional Information:

He had two brothers also serving in the army, one of whom was killed in action in the summer of 1916.

Acknowledgments:

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