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Name: Frederick Cain
Rank: Private
Service Number: 19477
Date of Death: 2nd July 1916
Age: 26
Regiment/Service: 1st Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment



Award:

Grave/Memorial Reference: III. B. 21.

Cemetery/Memorial: DOUCHY-LES-AYETTE BRITISH CEMETERY, PAS DE CALAIS, FRANCE.

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

Pre War:

He was the son of the late Samuel and Hannah Cain of Hitchin. He attended Hitchin Boys British School in Hitchin. Frederick had a sister who lived at 4, Kent Place, Union Road, Hitchin. Born in and a resident of Hitchin, he worked for W.B. Moss the provisions merchants at their premises in Baldock. He was also an enthusiastic footballer.

Wartime Service:

He enlisted in February 1915 in Bedford, trained at Ampthill Park and was allocated the Regimental Number 19447. He went to France in December 1915 to the 1st Battalion of the Bedfords which was part of the 15th Brigade in the 5th Division. His death was caused when a bomb accidentally exploded and he was killed instantly. Four others were seriously hurt and five slightly injured in the incident.

The 1st Battalion was a few miles south of Arras at the time of his death and was about to move up to the Somme area.

He was buried in Plot 3, Row B, Grave 21 in the Douchy-les-Ayette British Cemetery in France. A private inscription on the stone reads "*Not lost but gone before*".

Additional Information:

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