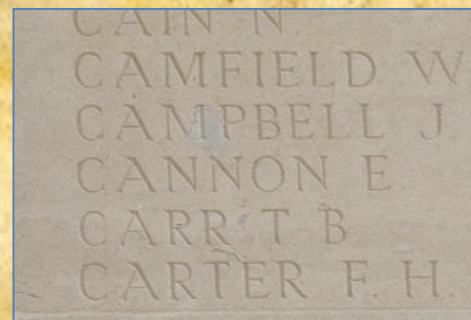


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Name: Ernest Cannon
Rank: Private
Service Number: 19973
Date of Death: 16th November 1916
Age: 26



Regiment/Service: 6st 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 B
St Mary's Church Memorial Book, Hitchin (*not confirmed*)

Pre War:

He was born in and was a resident of Hitchin and enlisted in Notting Hill in London. He was the son of Charles and Edith Cannon of 86, Whimbush Road, Hitchin.

Wartime Service:

He was allocated the Regimental Number 19973 in the 6th Battalion of the Bedfords and was killed in action in France.

On the 14th November 1916 the 6th Battalion was in an assembly position in Tournai Trench at Mailly-Maillet from which an attack was made on Frankfort Trench. The attack was unsuccessful. The following day an attack was made on Munich Trench with substantial casualties and on the 16th November the Battalion was entrenched on the Wayon Road and it is probable that Ernie was killed in this action.

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

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