

Herts at War

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Name: Charles Ivan Carryer

Rank: Second Lieutenant

Service Number:

Date of Death: 13th August 1916

Age: 18

Regiment/Service: East Yorkshire Regiment and R.F.C

Award: The Medal Rolls do not show any entitlement to medals and indicate that he was "Home Service only".

Grave/Memorial Reference: C.V.252

Cemetery/Memorial: Welford Rd Cemetery, Leicester

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

Pre War:

He was the son of Charles Borrowdale Carryer and Marian Carryer of 176, London Rd, Leicester. He had attended the Hitchin Grammar School arriving there in the spring of 1907 into the 3rd Form. By the winter of 1907 he had dropped to the 2nd Form but in the Summer of 1908 reverted to the 3rd Form but left at the end of that term. A number of reasons could be attributed to his varying standard of progress.

Wartime Service:

Early in the Great War he had been with a Canadian unit. He was almost nineteen years of age and had been gazetted as a 2nd Lieutenant on the 15th September 1915.

At the time of his death he was in the East Yorkshire Regiment and the Royal Flying Corps. He may have been an army officer training to become a pilot.

On the 13th August 1916 whilst flying in the vicinity of Leicester he lost his bearings and descended to enquire as to his whereabouts. On restarting he swerved to avoid contact with telegraph wires and a gust of wind partially turned the aircraft over with the result that it crashed into an outbuilding of a neighbouring house. The machine immediately caught fire and though he managed to crawl out he was severely burned. He was taken to hospital but died shortly after admission.

He was buried in Welford Road Cemetery, Leicester in Plot C, 'U', 252.

Additional Information:

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