

Herts at War

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Name:

**James Lewis Cole
(poss Lewis James)**

Rank:

Private

Service Number:

2946

Date of Death:

30th April 1916

Age:

33

Regiment/Service:

1st Battalion Hertfordshire Regiment

Award:

Grave/Memorial Reference:

D.19

Cemetery/Memorial:

Mailly-Maillet Communal Cemetery Extension, France

Hitchin Territorials' Memorial

UK Cemetery/Memorial:

Tewin Village Memorial

St Peter's Church Muster Roll, Tewin



Pre War:

He was the son of David and Elizabeth Cole of Tewin, Welwyn, Herts. He was born in 1883 in Guilden Morden in Cambridgeshire, but lived in Tewin in Hertfordshire. 1911 Census he was working as a Tin Smith and living at Archers Green, Tewin, Herts with his family. He enlisted in Hertford,

Wartime Service:

He served in 4 Company of the Hertfordshire Regiment. His Regimental number was 2946. At the time of his death the 1st Battalion of the Herts was part of the 118th Brigade of the 39th Division of III Corps in the 1st Army.

They were not involved in the early fighting on the Somme, arriving in Grouches on the 24th August 1916 and went to Bus-les-Artois the next day. They bivouacked in a wood close behind Engelbelmer on the 26th August. This is a little over a mile west of Thiepval and was near the front line on the 30th August 1916. Mailly-Maillet is a short distance from Engelbelmer.

He is buried in Row D, Grave 19 in the Mailly-Maillet Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France.

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