

Herts at War

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<u>Name:</u>	Harry Cousins
<u>Rank:</u>	Private
<u>Service Number:</u>	31852
<u>Date of Death:</u>	23 rd August 1918
<u>Age:</u>	22
<u>Regiment/Service:</u>	Hertfordshire Regiment Formally Bedfordshire Regiment.
<u>Award:</u>	British War and Victory medals.
<u>Grave/Memorial Reference:</u>	Panel 4-5
<u>Cemetery/Memorial:</u>	VIS-EN-ARTOIS MEMORIAL, PAS DE CALAIS, FRANCE.
<u>UK Cemetery/Memorial:</u>	Hitchin War Memorial, St Mary's Church, Panel C St Mary's Church Memorial Book, Hitchin (<i>not confirmed</i>) Hitchin Territorial Memorial



Pre War:

His parents, Mr and Mrs George Cousins, lived at 23, Bunyan Road, Hitchin and he was their third son. He was the husband of Betsy Cousins of 6 Duke's Lane, Hitchin.

Wartime Service:

Before joining up he had spent five years as an apprentice at Ralph E. Sanders & Son, car agents and body-builders of Hitchin. He was born in and was resident in Hitchin and joined up on the 10th October 1916 in Bedford. He was in the Bedfordshire Regiment but attached to the Hertfordshires. He was allocated Regimental Number 31852 and went to France on New Year's Day of 1917. He fought in battles at Ypres, Arras, Messines, the Somme and Cambrai. He was gassed at Easter 1917 and survived but was killed in action during the advance of 1918 at Achiet le Grand near Bapaume. Postcards from his kitbag were found on the battlefield.

He has no known grave, but is remembered on the Vis-en-Artois Memorial to the Missing at Haucourt in France.

Additional Information:

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