

Herts at War

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Name: Herbert Currell
Rank: Lance Corporal
Service Number: 4119
Date of Death: 7th January 1917
Age: 24
Regiment/Service: 1st Battalion Hertfordshire Regiment
Award: M.M.
Grave/Memorial Reference: II.S.21
Cemetery/Memorial: Essex Farm Cemetery, Ieper, West Vlaanderen, Belgium
UK Cemetery/Memorial: Hitchin Territorials' Memorial
Codicote Village Memorial
Peace Memorial Hall, Codicote



Pre War:

Born in 1892 at Burleigh, Knebworth, Herts son of William and Mary Currell, (who later lived at High Heath Cottages, Codicote). On 1911 Census: living with family at Norfolk Cottages, Ayot St Lawrence, Welwyn, Herts and working as a farm labourer.

Wartime Service:

His home was in Welwyn although he enlisted in Hertford. His Regimental number was 4119 and he was killed in action.

His award of the Military Medal may have been some long time after the war ended as it is not mentioned on the Drill Hall War Memorial. The Hertfordshires were heavily engaged and did some outstanding fighting on the Somme in November 1916 and the action leading to his award may have happened there.

Towards the end of 1916 the Battalion moved to the Ypres Salient via Doullens. Their story tells that the first half of 1917 was a period of "*Western Front routine*", meaning periods in the front line, in support or reserve, resting or training with daily minor incidents but no major engagements.

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