

Herts at War

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Name: Frank William Day
Rank: Private
Service Number: 41050
Date of Death: 9th April 1917
Age: 19
Regiment/Service: 2nd Battalion Essex Regiment



Award:

Grave/Memorial Reference: E. 17.

Cemetery/Memorial: ATHIES COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION, FRANCE.

UK Cemetery/Memorial: Hitchin War Memorial, St Mary's Church, Panel C
St Mary's Church Memorial Book, Hitchin (*not confirmed*)

Pre War:

Son of Frank E. and Flora Day, of East Terrace, Drury Lane, Melbourn, Royston, Herts (Melbourn is actually in Cambridgeshire). His was born and his home was in Melbourn, but he had lived in Hitchin for four years with his aunt at 49, Lancaster Road, Hitchin and was resident there when he enlisted in June 1916. Before being called up he was employed by the Home and Colonial Stores in Hitchin He

Wartime Service:

was posted to the 2nd Battalion and was allocated the Regimental Number 41050. He went to France in October 1916 and was killed in action in France by a sniper's bullet He had previously served as No. 29947 with the Bedfordshire Regiment

The 2nd Battalion was part of the 12th Brigade of the 4th Division in the 3rd Army. On the day of Frank's death, the Battalion was in an afternoon advance of about three and a half miles from the area of St. Laurent Blagny to the northern outskirts of Athies and on to the area between Hyderabad Redoubt and Fampoux. A day of violent attacks and severe casualties on the wire from shells and machine-guns.

He is buried in Grave E17 in the Athies Communal Cemetery Extension in France.

Additional Information:

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