

Herts at War

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Name: William Maynard Dimmock
Rank: Private
Service Number: 400989
Date of Death: 27th April 1917
Age: 40
Regiment/Service: 17th Battalion Essex Regiment
Award: British War and Victory medals.
Grave/Memorial Reference: NE. 515.
Cemetery/Memorial: Hitchin Cemetery
UK Cemetery/Memorial: Hitchin War Memorial, St Mary's Church. Panel C
St Mary's Church Memorial Book, Hitchin (*not confirmed*)



Pre War:

His home was at 3, Blackhorse Lane, Sunnyside, Hitchin. He was the son of William Dimmock and the husband of Julia Dimmock. His father was a Hitchin photographer. He was born in Hitchin and attended Hitchin Boys British School. Later he worked at Harkness Rose Gardens in Hitchin. He enlisted in Ampthill in October 1915.

Wartime Service:

Originally Private 22704 Bedfordshire Regiment and in April 1916 went to France. After only one month he was severely wounded in the side, near Ypres on the 26th May 1916. Invalided home he died in the United Kingdom from his injuries in the Norfolk War Hospital in Thorpe in Norfolk. Accounts as to the date of his death vary. His memorial stone states 27th April 1917 whereas the National Roll states the 27th May 1917, which is almost certainly an error. His Regimental Number was 400989 and he was in the 17th Battalion of the Regiment. He had previously served with the Bedfords with Regimental Number 22704. He is one of only 15 casualties in the Battalion throughout the war, but this may have been a Battalion to which wounded and sick men were posted when back in the United Kingdom.

He was buried in Hitchin Cemetery in Grave NE 515 with full military honours. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission stone is inscribed "*Nearer my God to Thee*".

Additional Information:

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