

Herts at War

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Name: William Winter Edwards

Rank: Lance Corporal

Service Number: G/12821

Date of Death: 13th April 1918

Age: 20

Regiment/Service: 1st Battalion The Buffs
East Kent Regiment

Award: He was entitled to the British War and Victory Medals

Grave/Memorial Reference: XXVI.F.11

Cemetery/Memorial: Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Belgium

UK Cemetery/Memorial: Hitchin Boys Grammar School WW1 Memorial, Stained Glass Window, School Library. Grammar School Walk, Hitchin.



Pre War:

He was born in Dalston in Middlesex the son of Albert Samuel and Emily Edwards of 44 Pollard Rd, Oakleigh Park, Middlesex, and first attended the Hitchin Grammar School in the Winter of 1908 in the Upper 3rd Form, probably as a boarder. He was at the school in the Winter of 1910 in the Lower 5th Form, at which stage the Register terminates. He enlisted in Whetstone in Middlesex

Wartime Service:

William had the Regimental Number G/12821 and served in the 1st Battalion of the Buffs. He died in Belgium.

The Battalion was in the 16th Brigade, 6th Division, IV Corps of the 3rd Army and his death occurred at the time of the great German Spring Offensive that commenced on the 21st March 1918. The Buffs were roughly south-south-east of Arras to the west of Moevres and were hard hit in the opening phase of the offensive as were many other Battalions.

He was buried in Plot 26, Row F, Grave 2 in the Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Poperinghe, West-Vlaanderen in Belgium. A private inscription on the headstone reads "*In the glory and joy of his youth for his Country he gave his all*". He was the son of Albert Samuel and Emily Edwards of 44 Pollard Rd, Oakleigh Park, London and was a native of High Welwyn in Hertfordshire.

Additional Information:

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