

## **Herts at War**

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**Name:** Frank Froy  
**Rank:** Rifleman  
**Service Number:** 263028  
**Date of Death:** 13<sup>th</sup> April 1917  
**Age:** 18



**Regiment/Service:** 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Monmouthshire Regiment  
Attached 2nd Bn. South Wales Borderers  
**Award:** British War and Victory medals  
**Grave/Memorial Reference:** I. G. 24.  
**Cemetery/Memorial:** FEUCHY CHAPEL BRITISH CEMETERY, WANCOURT, FRANCE  
**UK Cemetery/Memorial:** Hitchin War Memorial, St Mary's Church  
St Mary's Church Memorial Book, Hitchin (*not confirmed*)

### **Pre War:**

His home was at 38, Hitchin Hill, Hitchin and he was the son of Frank and Harriet Froy of 38, Hitchin Hill, Hitchin, Herts.. He worked in the Dye Shop at Russell's Tanyard in Bancroft, Hitchin before joining the army. He was born on the 3rd October 1898 and joined up in April 1916.

### **Wartime Service:**

Frank went to France in March 1917 having been given Regimental Number 263028. According to 'Soldiers died' database he was in the 1st Battalion of the Monmouth Regiment Infantry Territorial Force in the 84th Brigade of the 46th Division of V Corps in the 5th Army. Previously he had been Number 201946 in the Royal Field Artillery. He was killed in action during heavy fighting at Arras and Serjeant Searl of the same unit wrote home to say that he had helped to bury him.

It would seem that he was attached to the 2nd Battalion of the South Wales Borderers which, on the 9th April 1917, was in reserve at Monchiet west of Arras and was the only South Wales Borderers unit near the active front. On the 12th April, the 2nd Battalion relieved troops holding Monchy de Preux, a village on high ground between the Scarpe and the Cojeul rivers facing the village of Guemappe. It was a difficult relief as the Germans were attacking and the outgoing units had become dispersed.

He is buried in Feuchy Chapel Military Cemetery, Wancourt, France in Plot I, Row G, Grave 24. His gravestone states that he was in the Monmouthshire Regiment attached to the South Wales Borderers. A private inscription on the stone reads "*For ever with the Lord*".

In Hitchin Cemetery he is mentioned on the grave of his father Frank Froy who died aged 68 on the 11th October 1944. The inscription reads "*Also of Frank son of the above killed in action 13th April 1917 aged 19 years*". There is a later inscription to his mother.

### **Additional Information:**

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