

Herts at War

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Name: Dan Goodship
Rank: Private
Service Number: G/21250
Date of Death: 20th November 1917
Age: 19
Regiment/Service: 6th Btn The Buffs (East Kent Regiment)



Award:

Grave/Memorial Reference: Panel 3

Cemetery/Memorial: Cambrai Memorial, France

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

Pre War:

Son of Daniel and Gertrude Alice Goodship, of 29, Union Rd., Hitchin, Herts. and was their second son. He was born in and was a resident of Hitchin and enlisted there in April 1917. Before being called up he was employed by Phoenix Motors of Letchworth. He lived at 29 Basing Villas, Union Road, Hitchin of Daniel and Gertrude Goodship..

Wartime Service:

Dan was given the Regimental Number G/21250 and posted to the 6th Battalion and was killed in action.

The day of his death was on the opening day of the Battle of Cambrai. The weather was misty and threatening rain. The Battalion was in the 37th Brigade of the 12th Division in the III Corps of the 3rd Army. The 12th Division formed a defensive flank on the right of the battle and the 37th Brigade was in the second wave following the 35th Brigade. At about 8.50am the 37th Brigade took up the advance close to the main road from Gouzeaucourt to Maznieres. The 6th Battalion East Kent Regiment encountered obstinate resistance at Pam Pam Farm in the Hindenburg Support System. They advanced through Bonavis Farm then to Lateau Wood where resistance was overcome by 11.00am. The Division had stormed the fortress village of La Vacquerie and had made an advance of nearly 5,000 yards with the help of a number of tanks.

Daniel has no known grave, but is remembered on Panel 3 of the Cambrai Memorial to the Missing at Louverval in France.

Additional Information:

His brother, Arthur, was serving in Italy when Dan was killed.

Acknowledgments:

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