

Herts at War

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Name: Ernest Arnold Grant
Rank: Private
Service Number: 62200
Date of Death: 21st March 1917
Age: 21
Regiment/Service: 4th Battalion Royal Fusiliers



Award:

Grave/Memorial Reference: II. J. 7.

Cemetery/Memorial: FAUBOURG D'AMIENS CEMETERY, ARRAS, FRANCE

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

Pre War:

Son of Frederick and Amelia Grant, of 51, Queen St., Hitchin, Herts. and he attended Hitchin Boys British School. He was unmarried. His father was a painter and plumber. Ernest was a resident of Hitchin and before enlisting in Chelsea had worked in the Hitchin shoe-shop of Freeman, Hardy & Willis.

Another son was Leonard Percy Grant and the fourth son, Don, were in the Fire Service in Hitchin, which included service during the Second World War. The family attended the Bethel Chapel in Queen St. Hitchin.

Wartime Service:

He joined up with his elder brother, Bertram F. Grant, into the 3/1st County of London Yeomanry (Middlesex Huzzars) in November 1915 with the Regimental Number 4600. For six months they were stationed in Ireland at the Curragh, during which time the unit was dismounted. In December 1916 the brothers went to France and were transferred to the 4th Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers, but in different Companies, though they were able to see each other most days. His Regimental Number in the Royal Fusiliers was G/62200. The Battalion was part of the 9th Brigade in the 3rd Division of VI Corps in the 3rd Army.

At the time of his death, the Battalion had been fighting in the region of the River Ancre and had recently moved to a position immediately south of Arras where they were about to take part in the First Battle of the Scarpe. Bert wrote home that Ernie had been killed by a shell and that his death was instantaneous.

He was buried the next day and his grave is in Plot 2, Row J, Grave 7 in the Faubourg D'Amiens Cemetery in Arras in France. A private inscription on the headstone reads "Thy will be done".

Additional Information:

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