

Herts at War

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Name: John (Jack) Gray
Rank: Serjeant
Service Number: 203270
Date of Death: 18/01/1918
Age:
Regiment/Service: Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment), 2nd/4th Bn
Award: D.C.M



Grave/Memorial Reference: O. 104.
Cemetery/Memorial: JERUSALEM WAR CEMETERY, Israel and Palestine (including Gaza)
Hitchin War Memorial, St Mary's Church
UK Cemetery/Memorial: St Mary's Church Memorial Book, Hitchin (*not confirmed*)
Hitchin Town Hall Memorial

Pre War:

He was born in Hitchin and was in the choir of St. John's Church in Hitchin. He was also Captain of the St. John's Football Club. His home was 27, Hitchin Hill, Hitchin and he was the eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Gray.

He worked in Mr Edwin File's shop for some years before he went to Bromley.

Wartime Service:

He enlisted in 1914 in Bromley, Kent where he was working at the time. He was given the Regimental Number 203270 and posted to the 2/4th Battalion of the Royal West Kents in the 53rd Division.

He was at the landing in the Dardanelles and fought there throughout the campaign. After the Allied evacuation, he went to Egypt and saw much fighting in Palestine. He was present at the capture of Jerusalem. He was almost certainly killed in action near the Shechln Road near Durah approximately 25 miles north of Jerusalem.

His award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal was given while he was still a Corporal.

He was buried in Grave O.104 in the Jerusalem War Cemetery, Israel.

Additional Information:

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