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Name: Charles Joseph Guthrie
Rank: Rifleman
Service Number: R/8162
Date of Death: 17th May 1915
Age: 25
Regiment/Service: 1st Battalion King's Royal Rifle Corps



Award:

Grave/Memorial Reference: Panel 32-33

Cemetery/Memorial: LE TOURET MEMORIAL, FRANCE

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

Pre War:

He was the son of Mrs Elizabeth Guthrie of 'Ben Venue', 40 Brampton Park Road, Hitchin. He was born in Isleworth in Middlesex, but enlisted in Hitchin.

Wartime Service:

Charles was given the Corps Number R/8162 and posted to the 1st Battalion, which was part of the 6th Brigade in the 2nd Division of the I Corps of the 1st Army. He was serving in the K.R.R.C. by December 1914 and may have been a regular soldier. He was killed in action in France.

His death coincides with the Battle of Festubert around Richebourg when violent fighting took place all day. The 1st Battalion of the K.R.R.C. were in trenches about a quarter of a mile north of the infamous 'Quadrilateral'.

He has no known grave, but is remembered on Panels 32 & 33 of the Le Touret Memorial to the Missing in France.

Additional Information:

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