

Herts at War

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Name: Stanley Herbert Leete

Rank: Lance Corporal

Service Number: 12866

Date of Death: 25th June 1916

Age: 21

Regiment/Service: 6th Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment

Award: 1914/1915 Star, British War and Victory Medals

Grave/Memorial Reference: IV. C. 1.

Cemetery/Memorial: BIENVILLERS MILITARY CEMETERY, FRANCE
Hitchin War Memorial, St Mary's Church, Hitchin
St Mary's Church Memorial Book, Hitchin (*not confirmed*)
Holy Saviour Church War Memorial, Radcliffe Rd., Hitchin
Hitchin Grammar School War Memorial, Hitchin

UK Cemetery/Memorial:



Pre War:

He was the son of Ernest and Mary Leete and their home was at 'Conway Villa', (57?) Walsworth Road, Hitchin. The family ran a gentleman's outfitting shop in Hitchin. Stanley was born on the 20th December 1894 and had attended Miss Pierson's School in Bancroft, Hitchin before arriving at the Hitchin Grammar School for the period 1906- 1911. On leaving the school he joined his father's business. He was the third of four brothers who volunteered for service in the early part of the war.

Wartime Service:

He enlisted in Hitchin and was given the Regimental Number 12866. He arrived in France on the 30th July 1915 with Alfred James Sapsed. He was killed by a chance shell striking his billet while he was serving with the 6th Battalion of the Bedfords being in the 112th Brigade, 37th Division in France.

This probably occurred in the vicinity of Bienvillers-au-Bois, from which the Bedfords were to move forward as part of the defensive left flank to the great battle of the Somme which commenced a few days later on the 1st July 1916.

He was buried in Plot 4, Row C, Grave 1 in the Bienvillers Military Cemetery in France.

Additional Information:

He was the brother of Frank Leete.

Acknowledgments:

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