

Herts at War

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Name: John (Jack) Manning
Rank: Private
Service Number: 4/7302
Date of Death: 27th September 1916
Age:
Regiment/Service: 1st Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment



Award:

Grave/Memorial Reference: V. A. 9.

Cemetery/Memorial: CITADEL NEW MILITARY CEMETERY, FRICOURT, SOMME, FRANCE

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

Pre War:

Born in Sandown Herts, he was resident in Hitchin and enlisted there.

Wartime Service:

Jack was allocated Regimental Number 4/7302. He served with the 1st Battalion of the Regiment in France and was killed in action.

On the 27th September 1916 the Battalion had moved to the 'Citadel' in the Somme Sector, a hutted camp. They were out of the line and moving north to a quiet area. In the darkness a plane dropped several bombs. One struck the corner of a hut killing three men and wounding eighteen others. Fires had been lit to dry clothing that had been soaked in a heavy shower. The plane was apparently a frequent visitor to the camp.

He was buried in Plot 5 Row A Grave 9 in the Citadel Military Cemetery in Fricourt in France.

Additional Information:

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