

Herts at War

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Name: Arthur Massey
Rank: Private
Service Number: 14563
Date of Death: 20th February 1916
Age: 25
Regiment/Service: 8th Battalion Suffolk Regiment
Award: British War and Allied Victory Medals
Grave/Memorial Reference: I. C. 19.
Cemetery/Memorial: ALBERT COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION, SOMME, FRANCE
UK Cemetery/Memorial: Hitchin War Memorial, St Mary's Church, Hitchin
St Mary's Church Memorial Book, Hitchin (*not confirmed*)

Pre War:

He was the son of George Henry Massey and Elizabeth of 43, Sunnyside, Hitchin. His father was a timber merchant. The 1911 census shows Arthur living at 102 Nightingale Rd, Hitchin with parents and brothers Percy and Ernest.

Arthur was a Timber Carter by trade. He was born in Hitchin, but worked and enlisted in Ipswich.

Wartime Service:

He was posted to the 8th Battalion of the Regiment with the Regimental Number 14563. The 8th Battalion was part of the 53rd Brigade in the 18th Division at the time of his death. At first he was an officer's servant then became the Quartermaster's head scout. He was of a quiet reserved nature. but well thought of in the army. He had been at the front for six months when he was killed in action after being hit by a shell. At the time the Battalion was probably positioned just north of the Somme where the British and French Armies met.

He was buried in Plot I, Row C, Grave 19 in the Albert Communal Cemetery Extension in France.

Additional Information:

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