

Herts at War

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Name: Henry Harradine Moulden
Rank: Private
Service Number: 61300
Date of Death: 19th February 1917
Age: 19
Regiment/Service: 7th Battalion Royal fusiliers
Award:
Grave/Memorial Reference: East Section Grave 796
Cemetery/Memorial: Hitchin Cemetery, Hertfordshire
UK Cemetery/Memorial: Hitchin War Memorial, St Mary's Church, Hitchin
St Mary's Church Memorial Book, Hitchin (*not confirmed*)



Pre War:

His parents were Henry and Martha Moulden of 6, Gaping Lane, Hitchin and he had a brother in France and another in Egypt. On the death of his father, his mother remarried and became Mrs Andrews.

Before joining the army he had been apprenticed to F. Crabb & Son the tailors of Bancroft, Hitchin. He had been a St. Mary's Sunday School boy and was a communicant there. He was in the Church Lads' Brigade and also played for the Union Jack Football Club. When he reached age 19 in April 1916 he enlisted.

Wartime Service:

Henry was given Regimental Number 61300. He went to France on the 1st November 1916.

He was wounded in action on the 7th February 1917, when several Battalions of the Royal Fusiliers were engaged at Boom Ravine. It was raining, slippery with mud, the trenches were packed with troops and the Germans opened a heavy barrage. There were numerous casualties. A portion of a shell struck his right thigh and he was admitted to a Canadian hospital in France from which he wrote home. He was then transferred to a hospital in Newcastle, but died within a few days of pneumonia. The funeral service was held at St. Mary's Church, Hitchin.

His Commonwealth War Graves Commission stone is in Hitchin Cemetery Grave 796. It bears the additional inscription "*Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted*".

Additional Information:

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