

## **Herts at War**

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**Name:** Albert Edward Negus  
**Rank:** Lance Corporal  
**Service Number:** 8384  
**Date of Death:** 7<sup>th</sup> February 1917  
**Age:** 25  
**Regiment/Service:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Norfolk Regiment  
**Award:** 1914/15 Star, British War and Victory medals  
**Grave/Memorial Reference:** Angora Mem. 121.  
**Cemetery/Memorial:** BAGHDAD (NORTH GATE) WAR CEMETERY, IRAQ  
**UK Cemetery/Memorial:** Hitchin War Memorial, St Mary's Church, Hitchin  
St Mary's Church Memorial Book, Hitchin (*not confirmed*)



### **Pre War:**

He was born in Northall or Melbourn near Royston, Herts on the 4th February 1892 and was educated in Hitchin.

His home was 1, Taylor's Cottages, Old Park Rd, Hitchin and he was the youngest son. His parents were James and Mary nee Negus of 13, Dacre Road, Hitchin. His was a farm labourer and James and Mary had had another son, George who lived in Offley.

### **Wartime Service:**

He was a serving soldier at the outbreak of the Great War having enlisted in Hitchin on the 25th February 1911. He had been given the Regimental Number 8384 and seems to have been in England at the outbreak of war although the 2nd Norfolk's appear to have been in India at that time. One account reports that he went to France early in 1915 and fought at Festubert and Loos. He was then sent to Mesopotamia with the 2nd Battalion in the first half of 1915, taken prisoner during the siege of Kut on the 29th April 1916 and died of typhoid fever in a Turkish hospital in Adara (this may have been Kut el Amara). There are two accounts of his service in the National Roll.

He has no known grave, but is remembered on the Baghdad (North Gate) War Cemetery Angora Memorial 121 in Iraq.

### **Additional Information:**

His father had died by the time of Albert's death and his brother, George who lived in Offley, was killed a few weeks before Albert.

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