

Herts at War

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Name: George Sharp
Rank: Corporal
Service Number: 13821
Date of Death: 21st May 1917
Age: 32
Regiment/Service: 6th Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment



Award:

Grave/Memorial Reference: Special Memorial A. 39. Buried near this spot.

Cemetery/Memorial: TANK CEMETERY, GUEMAPPE, 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 born in Hitchin and resided in Charlton. He was married to Sarah Sharp and they had five children, the eldest of whom was eleven. Their home was at 'Glenview', 20, Pulvers Way, Hitchin. Another address given for him, probably later, was Charlton near Hitchin.

He was employed at the Great Northern Locomotive Works before being mobilised.

Wartime Service:

He was probably in the Royal Artillery in September 1914. Later he was transferred to the Bedfords and allocated Regimental Number 13821 in the 6th Battalion of the Regiment. He was promoted to Lance Corporal in 1915 and then to Corporal at Easter in 1917. He was wounded in the right arm and foot on the 16th July 1916 and did not return to France until March 1917. It may have been then that he was posted to the Bedfords. He was killed in France during the morning when the trenches were heavily shelled. He and a Lance Corporal were killed instantly when a shell burst in their section of the trench.

The Battalion was in the Arras area and on the 18th May 1917 they moved to Moutenescourt. The next day they went into trenches at Tilloy, but did not go to the front line trenches until the 24th May.

He was buried in a British Cemetery on the battlefield. His grave is Row A, Grave 39, which is part of Tank Cemetery in France, is marked "*Buried near this spot*". A private inscription on the stone reads "*Their glory shall not be blotted out*".

Additional Information:

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