

Herts at War

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Name: Herbert Sharp
Rank: Private
Service Number: 27821
Date of Death: 24th October 1917
Age: 37
Regiment/Service: 7th Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment



Award:

Grave/Memorial Reference: IV. E. 29.

Cemetery/Memorial: REGINA TRENCH CEMETERY, GRANDCOURT, 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 Arthur and Alice Sharp and the husband of Alice Sharp of 85, Queen Street, Hitchin. Herbert was born in Hitchin and before the war worked at the Hitchin Gasworks. He both resided and enlisted in Hitchin.

Wartime Service:

Herbert was already an experienced soldier when he enlisted and was given the Regimental Number 27821. He was killed in action by a shell fragment in France while serving with the 7th Battalion of the Regiment.

The Battalion was in the 54th Brigade and was in the line at Regina Trench about 3 miles north west of Thiepval at the date of his death. They had only returned to the line on the 23rd October having been out of the line for three weeks. Continuous rain and seas of mud prevented any attack and such trenches as there were, were continually bombarded. The trenches were so bad that the earth collapsed when attempts were made to dig. There were no dug-outs and all the sides of the trenches were blown in.

He was buried in Plot 4, Row E, Grave 29 in the Regina Trench Cemetery in France. A private inscription on the headstone reads "*Greater love hath no man than this*".

Additional Information:

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