

Herts at War

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Name: Stephen Simmons

Rank: Private

Service Number: 266680

Date of Death: 23rd July 1916

Age:

Regiment/Service: Hertfordshire Regiment

Award:

Grave/Memorial Reference: Panel 135

Cemetery/Memorial: Loos Memorial, France

UK Cemetery/Memorial: Hitchin War Memorial, St Mary's Church, Hitchin
St Mary's Church Memorial Book, Hitchin (*not confirmed*)
Hitchin Territorials Memorial, Hitchin

Pre War:

He was resident in Hitchin but enlisted in Hertford.

Wartime Service:

Stephen was allocated Regimental number 266680. He was killed in action in France. He served in No. 4 Company of the Regiment.

The Hertfordshires were not engaged in any major operation at the time of his death having recently joined the 118th Brigade, 39th Division, III Corps in the 1st Army, though curiously there was another fatality, H.J. Green, from Hitchin on the same day.

About the date of his death the Hertfordshires had been involved in several trench raids on the enemy and were positioned in the left sub-section of Festubert. On the 24th July 1916 the Battalion was relieved by the 12th Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment and marched to billets near Gorre having had sixteen days in the trenches. The casualties during this period were 12 killed, 1 missing and 45 wounded including 2 C.S.M.s. On the 26th July they marched back to the Ecole des Jeunes Filles in Bethune.

He has no known grave and is remembered on Panel 135 of the Loos Memorial to the Missing in France.

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