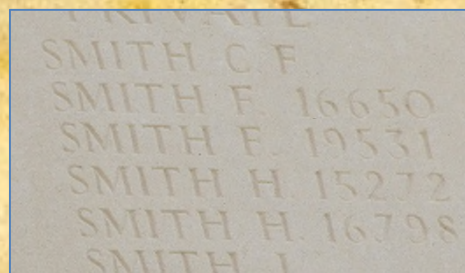


## **Herts at War**

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**Name:** Frank Smith  
**Rank:** Private  
**Service Number:** 19531  
**Date of Death:** 24<sup>th</sup> September 1916  
**Age:** 20



**Regiment/Service:** 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment

**Award:**

**Grave/Memorial Reference:** Pier and Face 2C

**Cemetery/Memorial:** Thiepval Memorial. Somme, France

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

**Pre War:**

Frank was the son of George and Julia Smith of Little Almshoe near Hitchin. He was born and resident in Hitchin (perhaps Little Almshoe?) when he enlisted

**Wartime Service:**

He was allocated the Regimental Number 19531 and posted to the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of the Regiment. He was killed in action in France.

On the day of his death, the Battalion secured Oxford Copse and moved to Chimpanzee Trench with the objective to capture the Sunken Road which they duly did. There were 114 casualties in the Battalion that day.

He has no known grave, but is remembered on Pier and Face 2C of the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing in France.

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