

Herts at War

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Name: James Odell Smith
Rank: Private
Service Number: 1777
Date of Death: 6th February 1916
Age:
Regiment/Service: 1st Battalion Hertfordshire Regiment



Award:

Grave/Memorial Reference: II. D. 14.

Cemetery/Memorial: CUINCHY COMMUNAL CEMETERY, 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
Holy Saviour Church War Memorial, Radcliffe Rd., Hitchin

Pre War:

James was the son of Mr J.S. Smith of 118, Nightingale Road, Hitchin. Born, enlisting and resident in Hitchin.

Wartime Service:

He was allocated Regimental Number 1777. He was killed in action serving in France. He was in No. 4 Company of the Regiment which was a Territorial Army unit. At the time of his death this was part of the 4th (Guards) Brigade in the 2nd Division. The Battalion came to be known unofficially as the 'Herts Guards'.

This was at the start of the Hertfordshires' first offensive battle when the 4th Guards Brigade attacked the Brickfields at Cuinchy. Casualties were not heavy and a congratulatory message was received from the Commander of the 2nd Division.

He was buried in Plot 2, Row D, Grave 14 in the Cuinchy Communal Cemetery in France.

Additional Information:

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