

Herts at War

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Name: Samuel Smith
Rank: Private
Service Number: 220722
Date of Death: 1st June 1918
Age: 26
Regiment/Service: 1st Battalion Royal Berkshire Regiment



Award:

Grave/Memorial Reference: XI. C. 17.

Cemetery/Memorial: WARLINCOURT HALTE BRITISH CEMETERY, SAULTY, FRANCE

Hitchin War Memorial, St Mary's Church, Hitchin

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

Pre War:

Son of James Smith, he was born and resident in Hitchin and worked at Russell's Tanyard in Hitchin. He enlisted in Hertford. He was married to Edith.

Wartime Service:

Samuel was given the Regimental Number 105985 and posted to the Herts Yeomanry. Later he was transferred to the 1st Battalion of the Berkshire Regiment with the Number 220722. At the time of his death, the Battalion was in the 99th Brigade being part of the 2nd Division probably in the V Corps of the 3rd Army. He was killed in action in France along with three other men when the enemy were shelling their billets.

The Battalion War Diary records that the Battalion was at the village of La Herliere, which is about twelve miles north east of Doullens. During the morning the village was shelled by high velocity 5.9s. An Officer and two Other Ranks were killed and eight injured. The Battalion moved to billets in a nearby wood in the afternoon.

He was buried in Plot 11, Row C, Grave 17 in the Warlincourt Halte British Cemetery in Saulty in France.

Additional Information:

His wife Edith Smith lived in Charlton and she later remarried to become Edith Walker of Great Green, Pirton.

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