

Herts at War

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Name: Harry Stevens
Rank: Private
Service Number: 23482
Date of Death: 3rd September 1916
Age: 22
Regiment/Service: 9th Battalion The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment
Award:
Grave/Memorial Reference: Pier and Face 11 A.
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:



His wife Florence Lily Stevens of 53, Queen Street, Hitchin was the sister of Frederick and Bertram Hunt.

Wartime Service:

He served in the 9th Battalion of the Regiment and was given the Regimental Number 23482. The Battalion was in the 74th Brigade of the 25th Division of II Corps in the Reserve Army. He had previously served as No. 25508 in the Bedfordshire Regiment.

His death coincides with the Battle of Pozieres and his unit had been at Ovillers on the 28th August 1916 in the Somme Sector. The ground was covered by enormous shell holes and there was not a single landmark for miles. The trenches had been blown to pieces and were full of German and British corpses. By the 4th September the church at Ovillers had been reduced to a signboard.

He has no known grave, but is remembered on Pier/Face 11A of the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing in France.

Additional Information:

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