

## **Herts at War**

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**Name:** Harold Summerfield  
**Rank:** Driver  
**Service Number:** 777046  
**Date of Death:** 16<sup>th</sup> August 1917  
**Age:** 20



**Regiment/Service:** C Battery 282nd Army Brigade  
Royal Field Artillery

**Award:**

**Grave/Memorial Reference:** I. B. 13.

**Cemetery/Memorial:** DUHALLOW A.D.S. CEMETERY, BELGIUM

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

**Pre War:**

His home was at Basing Villas, 30, Union Road, Hitchin and his parents were Mr and Mrs J. Summerfield. He had been born in Hitchin.

Before joining the army he had been employed at Russell's Tanyard in Hitchin and had been a boy chorister at St. Mary's School. and enlisted there in May 1916,

**Wartime Service:**

Harold received the Service Number 777046. He went to France in August 1916 and was killed instantly by a shell bursting when his Battery was in action in Belgium. The shell came within 50 yards of the gun and killed the Serjeant, Dick and wounding others.

At the time he was a Driver in 'C' Battery of the 282nd Army Brigade on the opening day of the Battle of Langemarck. The Battery was equipped with 18 pounder guns. His death occurred probably in the vicinity of Wieltje, approximately one mile north of Ypres towards the front line between St. Julien and Frezenberg in support of XIX Corps.

He was buried in Plot I, Row B, Grave 13 in Duhallow A.D.S. Cemetery, Ypres in Belgium.

**Additional Information:**

His brother Arthur was killed in action on the 6th June 1918.

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