

Herts at War

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Name: Noah Taylor

Rank: Private

Service Number: 201208

Date of Death: 26th March 1917

Age: 20

Regiment/Service: 4th Battalion Essex Regiment

Award: British War and Victory medals

Grave/Memorial Reference: Panel 33-39

Cemetery/Memorial: JERUSALEM MEMORIAL,
Israel and Palestine (including Gaza)

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



Pre War:

His home was at 14, Sunnyside, Hitchin and his parents were Charles and Elizabeth Taylor. He was one of eight sons all in the forces. He was born in Hitchin, volunteered there in May 1915

Wartime Service:

Noah was posted to the Bedfordshire Regiment with the Number 10906. Later he was sent to Egypt circa May 1916. He was posted to the 4th Battalion of the Essex Regiment and was allocated the Regimental Number 201208.

At the time of his death this Battalion was part of the 161st Brigade of the 54th Division. He served in Palestine, Jaffa and Haifa and was killed in action during the 3rd Battle of Gaza. He had been reported missing and it was not until June 1918 that he was presumed killed in action in the area of Ali Muntar - about 3 miles south east of Gaza.

This was during the First Battle of Gaza. There were 4,000 British casualties, mainly due to muddled and erratic orders characteristic of the British Command which moved the 54th Division to contact the 53rd Division, but failed to inform the latter thereby leaving exposed flanks.

He has no known grave, but is remembered on Panels 33 to 39 of the Jerusalem Memorial to the Missing in Israel.

Additional Information:

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