

Herts at War

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Name: Wilfred Henry Tew

Rank: Private

Service Number: 36486

Date of Death: 14th November 1916

Age: 18

Regiment/Service: 6th Battalion
Royal Berkshire Regiment

Award:

Grave/Memorial Reference: II. F. 8.

Cemetery/Memorial: CONTAY BRITISH CEMETERY, CONTAY, SOMME, FRANCE
Hitchin War Memorial, St Mary's Church, Hitchin

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



Pre War:

He was the son of Thomas and Florence Lavinia Tew of Hitchin. He was a resident of Hitchin and had been an assistant in his father's butchers shop. He was also a Boy Scout.

Wartime Service:

He had enlisted in Hertford into the Hertfordshire Regiment by December 1914, where he held Regimental Number 3696. Later he was posted to the 6th Battalion of the Berkshires with the Number 36486 and was in a Lewis gun Section. He died of wounds in France on his 18th Birthday. He had been admitted to No. 9 Casualty Clearing Station with an injury to his throat and died at 9.30pm. The Battalion had been heavily engaged on the Somme from the 1st July 1916 onwards.

He was buried in Plot II, Row F, Grave 8 in the Contay British Cemetery in France. A private inscription on the headstone reads "Died on his eighteenth birthday".

Additional Information:

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