

Herts at War

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Name: Lewin Hugh Thomas
Rank: Private
Service Number: G/7628
Date of Death: 19th July 1915
Age:
Regiment/Service: 4th Battalion Middlesex regiment



Award:

Grave/Memorial Reference: Panel 49-51

Cemetery/Memorial: YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL, BELGIUM

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

Pre War:

He was born in Southall Middlesex where he was resident and he enlisted in Ealing. Husband of Florence Elizabeth Thomas, of 3, Bunyan Rd., Hitchin, Herts.

Wartime Service:

Lewin was allocated the Regimental Number G/9383 and posted to the 4th Battalion of the Regiment which was in the 8th Brigade of the 3rd Division of V Corps in the 2nd Army. He was killed in action in Belgium.

The Battalion had moved to the front line at 10.00pm on the 18th July 1915 and was involved in the actions at Hooze in the Ypres Salient. A mine was exploded under a German redoubt between the western end of Hooze and the Belleward Lake at 7.00pm on the 19th July 1915. Ten men of the 4th Battalion were killed by debris. Severe fighting went on all night. In the two days of the 19th and 20th July 1915 the Battalion sustained 300 killed, wounded and missing, being over one third of the total fighting strength of the Battalion.

He has no known grave and is remembered on the Menin Gate Memorial to the Missing at Ypres in Belgium.

Additional Information:

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