

Herts at War

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Name: Frederick Titmuss
Rank: Sergeant
Service Number: 202800
Date of Death: 27th September 1917
Age: 30
Regiment/Service: 4th Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment



Award:

Grave/Memorial Reference: I. A. 21

Cemetery/Memorial: MOEUVRES COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION, FRANCE

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

Pre War:

Although he was born in Hitchin and resided there. Before the war he was employed as a wood machinist in Letchworth and had spent some time living and working at Aylesbury where he joined the Territorials. He was a married man with three young children and lived at 5, Balmoral Road, Hitchin.

He enlisted in Hitchin in November 1916.

Wartime Service:

Frederick was allocated Regimental Number 202800 and posted to 'D' Company in the 4th Battalion of the Regiment. He was sent to France in February 1917, having his first and only leave in March 1918. He was gassed and wounded on his return to the front and later killed in action.

On the 27th September 1918 the Battalion moved to Quant and to an assembly position near Moeuvres having a difficult march in the mud and the rain. Operations began at 5.05am and within fifteen minutes all telephone wires had been cut and the Battalion came in for some stiff fighting on the Canal du Nord. They captured a number of prisoners and six field guns reaching the first objective in the Hindenburg Support Line.

He is buried in Plot I, Row A, Grave 21 in the Moeuvres Communal Cemetery Extension south east of Arras in France.

Additional Information:

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