

Herts at War

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Name: James William Titmuss
Rank: Lance Corporal
Service Number: G/29561
Date of Death: 16th August 1917
Age: 31
Regiment/Service: Duke of Cambridge's Own
(Middlesex) Regt, 2nd Btn
Award: Victory Medal & British War Medal
Grave/Memorial Reference: Panel 113-115
Cemetery/Memorial: TYNE COT MEMORIAL, BELGIUM
Hitchin War Memorial, St Mary's Church, Hitchin
St Mary's Church Memorial Book, Hitchin (*not confirmed*)
UK Cemetery/Memorial: Codicote Village Memorial
Not on the Peace Memorial Hall, Codicote

Pre War:

He was born in Hitchin in 1886, was resident in Codicote, but enlisted in Hitchin in May 1916. He was the son of James William and Elizabeth Titmuss of 48, Florence Street, Hitchin. James married to Florence Titmuss in 1915 at Hatfield. They later lived in New Town, Codicote.

Wartime Service:

James was given Regimental Number G/29561 and posted to France in September 1916 to the 2nd Battalion which was in the 23rd Brigade of the 8th Division. He was killed in action in Belgium having at first been reported as missing.

At the time of his death the 2nd Battalion were at Westhoek Ridge adjacent to the Sexton House - Sans Souci Road and at 4.45am with a creeping barrage commenced an attack. The ranks were severely thinned by enemy shell and machine-gun fire.

He has no known grave, but is remembered on Panel 113 to 115 of the Tyne Cot Memorial to the Missing near Ypres in Belgium.

Additional Information:

Widow Florence granted a war gratuity of £4.10s.

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