

Herts at War

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Name: Bernard Tomlin
Rank: Gunner
Service Number: 74107
Date of Death: 1st September 1916
Age: 28
Regiment/Service: 70 Siege Battery
Royal Garrison Artillery
Award:
Grave/Memorial Reference: VIII.B.168
Cemetery/Memorial: Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, France
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UK Cemetery/Memorial: Memorial, St Mary's Church, Hitchin
St Mary's Church Memorial Book, Hitchin (*not confirmed*)



Pre War:

He was the son of Henry and Adelaide Tomlin of 22, Churchyard, Hitchin. His father was a fruiterer in Churchyard Walk Hitchin and at the beginning of the war Bernard had also been a fruiterer for six years. Born and resident in Hitchin he enlisted in London on the 8th April 1915.

Bernard was married to Eva Tomlin of 12, Gartree Street, Highfields, Leicester and they had two children.

Wartime Service:

He was given the Regimental Number 74107. He went to France in August 1915 and served with the 70th Siege Battery which was equipped with 8" howitzers. At the time of his injuries the Battery was part of the 4th Army operating in the Somme sector.

He was buried in Plot 8, Row B, Grave 168 in the Boulogne Eastern Cemetery in France. The gravestones in this cemetery are laid flat, this is rare and usually only where there are stability issues.

Additional Information:

Son of Henry and Adelaide Tomlin of 22 Churchyard, Hitchin and Married to Eva Tomlin of 12 Gartree Street, Highfields, Leicester

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