

Herts at War

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Name: Charles Tomlin
Rank: Private
Service Number: 4/7321
Date of Death: 20th February 1915
Age:



Regiment/Service: 1st Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment
Award: Mons Star, British War and Victory medals
Grave/Memorial Reference: I. A. 5.

Cemetery/Memorial: R.E. FARM CEMETERY, Belgium
UK Cemetery/Memorial: Hitchin War Memorial, St Mary's Church, Hitchin
St Mary's Church Memorial Book, Hitchin (*not confirmed*)

Pre War:

Charles was born in Hitchin and enlisted there in September 1914. His home was at 54, Sunnyside, Hitchin and his father was Charles Tomlin of the 'Orange Tree', Sunnyside, Hitchin.

Wartime Service:

He was allocated the Regimental Number 4/7321. He was sent to the Western Front in the 1st Battalion of the Bedfords in November 1914 and killed in action near Ypres. The short period of training suggests that he was a Reservist as the Battalion was already in France. The Battalion was in the 15th Brigade of the 5th Division.

The 1st Battalion had gone to Wulverghem in the Ypres Sector on the 8th February 1915 and was in a forward area at the time of his death. Conditions over the winter period had been horrendous with most of the men suffering from trench foot. Trenches were half full of water, were shallow due to the high-water table and subjected to continuous bombardment.

He is buried in Plot I, Row A, Grave 5 in the R.E. Farm Cemetery, Wytschaete, Belgium.

Additional Information:

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