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Name: Bertram Waller
Rank: Private
Service Number: TF/238036
Date of Death: 7th August 1917
Age:
Regiment/Service: 12th 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:

His wife was Mrs E. Waller of St. Andrew's Schoolhouse, Hitchin and they had two children.

Before being called up he had worked for G.W. Russell & Son at the Tanyard in Hitchin for seventeen years. He was on the committee of the Union Jack Football Club and was a player for the Blue Cross Football Club. He was born in Hitchin and was a resident there, but enlisted in Bedford.

Wartime Service:

Bertram was given the Regimental Number TF202664 in the Essex Regiment, but was later transferred as Number TF238036 to the 12th Battalion of the Middlesex Regiment which was in the 54th Brigade of the 18th Division of II Corps in the 5th Army. He was killed in action in Belgium. At the time of his death he had not long been discharged from hospital with trench fever having previously been grazed on the face by shrapnel.

The time of his death was just before the capture of Westhoek and after the Battle of Pilchem in the Ypres Salient. On the 2nd August 1917 the Battalion went to Sanctuary Wood and the next day went into the front line near Stirling Castle. As the Middlesex moved up, to leave the duckboard tracks was to risk death by drowning. The weather was dull and misty and the battle area was a sodden quagmire.

He has no known grave, but is remembered on Panels 49 & 51 of the Men in Gate Memorial to the Missing at Ypres in Belgium.

Additional Information:

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