

Herts at War

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Name: Arthur West
Rank: Lance Corporal
Service Number: 60153
Date of Death: 23rd August 1918
Age: 35
Regiment/Service: 13th Battalion Royal Fusiliers



Award:

Grave/Memorial Reference: III. H. 19.

Cemetery/Memorial: ACHIET-LE-GRAND COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION,
FRANCE

UK Cemetery/Memorial: Hitchin War Memorial, St Mary's Church, Hitchin
St Mary's Church Memorial Book, Hitchin (*not confirmed*)
Not on the Hemel Hempstead memorials

Pre War:

He was born in Hemel Hempstead, but he was residing in Hitchin and enlisted there in June 1916. Before being called up he was employed as an upholsterer with T. Brooker & Son in Walsworth Road, Hitchin. He lived with his wife at 84, Grove Road, Hitchin.

Wartime Service:

Arthur was posted to the Bedfords with the Number 29809 and later to the 13th Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers and given the Regimental Number 60153. He went to France in September 1916 and was killed in action in France. A few months earlier he had been wounded in the foot through falling back into a trench.

The Battalion was part of the 112th Brigade in the 37th Division of IV Corps in the 3rd Army. At the time of Arthur's death the Division had attacked the Brickworks and a railway embankment west of Achiet le Grand and Bihucourt in the Battle of Albert. They then captured the two villages. The Division captured 1,150 prisoners that day in very heavy fighting. It was one of the greatest days experienced by the Battalion.

He was buried in Plot 3, Row H, Grave 19 in Achiet-le-Grand Communal Cemetery Extension in France.

Additional Information:

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