

## **Herts at War**

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**Name:** Henry Charles White  
**Rank:** Gunner  
**Service Number:** 156380  
**Date of Death:** 28<sup>th</sup> November 1917  
**Age:** 37  
**Regiment/Service:** 144th Siege Battery  
Royal Garrison Artillery



**Award:**

**Grave/Memorial Reference:** V. C. 20.

**Cemetery/Memorial:** BARD COTTAGE CEMETERY, BELGIUM

**UK Cemetery/Memorial:** Hitchin War Memorial, St Mary's Church, Hitchin  
St Mary's Church Memorial Book, Hitchin (*not confirmed*)  
Holy Saviour Church War Memorial, Radcliffe Rd., Hitchin

**Pre War:**

He was a married man with two children and his home was at Lancaster Ave, Hitchin. His wife later remarried to become Elizabeth Edwards.

Before joining up he had been employed as an outfitter's manager by H.H. Wightman, High Street, Hitchin for eleven years. He was also a member of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade, a chorister at St. Mary's Church in Hitchin with a fine tenor voice and Secretary of the Symphonic Society. He had been born in Christchurch, Chelsea, Middlesex, but enlisted in Hitchin.

**Wartime Service:**

Henry was given the Regimental Number 156380 and posted to the I 44th Siege Battery of the Royal Garrison Artillery which was equipped with 6" howitzers. He was killed in action in Belgium just a fortnight after the official end of the Second Battle of Passchendaele.

He was buried in Plot 5, Row C, Grave 20 in the Bard Cottage Cemetery in Belgium. The cemetery is at Boezinge and contains the graves of a number of artillerymen.

**Additional Information:**

Elizabeth remarried becoming Mrs Edwards, late of Hitchin. Herts.

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