

## **Herts at War**

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**Name:** George Williams  
**Rank:** Private  
**Service Number:** 14121  
**Date of Death:** 19<sup>th</sup> April 1916  
**Age:** 23  
**Regiment/Service:** 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion Bedfordshire regiment



### **Award:**

**Grave/Memorial Reference:** L. 10.

**Cemetery/Memorial:** CARNOY MILITARY CEMETERY, FRANCE

**UK Cemetery/Memorial:** Hitchin War Memorial, St Mary's Church, Hitchin  
St Mary's Church Memorial Book, Hitchin (*not confirmed*)

### **Pre War:**

His parents lived at St. Andrew's Place in Hitchin. He had an older brother in Rawalpindi in India with the Royal Garrison Artillery. He was born in Melbourne, Australia, but was resident and enlisted in Hitchin at the beginning of the war.

### **Wartime Service:**

George was allocated Regimental Number 14121 and posted to the 7th Battalion of the Bedfords. He was killed in action in France. At 8.30pm on the evening of his death he was sent out on patrol "a dangerous duty". He was hit in the stomach and back and there was no hope that he would survive.

The Battalion was near Bray and had spent several months preparing for the Battle of the Somme which was to commence on the 1st July 1916. During this period the Battalion made occasional raids on the enemy trenches which resulted in casualties on both sides.

He was buried in Row L Grave 10 in the Carnoy Military Cemetery east south east of Albert in France.

### **Additional Information:**

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