

Herts at War

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Name: Walter Charles Wilson

Rank: Private

Service Number: 265387

Date of Death: 25th April 1918

Age: 21

Regiment/Service: Hertfordshire Regiment

Award: Mons Star, British War and Victory medals

Grave/Memorial Reference: Panel 153

Cemetery/Memorial: TYNE COT MEMORIAL, BELGIUM

Hitchin War Memorial, St Mary's Church, Hitchin
St Mary's Church Memorial Book, Hitchin (*not confirmed*)

UK Cemetery/Memorial: Hitchin Territorials Memorial, Hitchin
Tilehouse St Baptist Church War Memorial, Hitchin
British Schools Museum, Hitchin

Pre War:

His home was at 2, Taylor's Cottages, Old Park Rd, Hitchin and he was the youngest son of Mr and Mrs C. Wilson. Before joining up he was employed by Russell's Tanyard in Hitchin and was a member of the Territorial Force. He was born in Shillington in Bedfordshire, but resided and enlisted in Hitchin.

Wartime Service:

Walter was allocated the Regimental Number 265387. He was in No. 4 Company of the Hertfordshires. He had volunteered in August 1914 and went to the Western Front that same year. He fought at Loos, Arras, Lens and Cambrai and in 1916 was severely wounded. He was killed in action on the Somme.

This was towards the end of the German offensive which had started on the 21st March 1918 and, in the retreat which followed, the Hertfordshires had been reduced to a small cadre.

He has no known grave and is remembered on Panel 153 of the Tyne Cot Memorial to the Missing in Belgium. This is curious as according to a report from his family and the history of the Hertfordshire Regiment, he was in the Somme Sector in the vicinity of Amiens at the time of his death.

Additional Information:

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