

Herts at War

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Name: Arthur William Worbey
Rank: Private
Service Number: 28715
Date of Death: 19th September 1916
Age: 22
Regiment/Service: 6th Battalion
Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry



Award:

Grave/Memorial Reference: Pier and Face 6B

Cemetery/Memorial: Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France

UK Cemetery/Memorial:

Hitchin War Memorial, St Mary's Church, Hitchin
St Mary's Church Memorial Book, Hitchin (*not confirmed*)
Hitchin Territorials Memorial, Hitchin
Holy Saviour Church War Memorial, Radcliffe Rd., Hitchin
British Schools Museum, Hitchin

Pre War:

His mother was Martha Worbey of 15, Anderson's Row, Florence Street, Hitchin and he was her eldest son. He was a resident of Hitchin and was employed at Roxley Court in Willian. He enlisted in Hertford

Wartime Service:

At first, Arthur, was in No. 4 Company of the Hertfordshire Regiment with the Regimental Number 3774. He was discharged on medical grounds, but re-enlisted and went to France in August 1916 with the 6th Battalion of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry with the Regimental Number 28715. He was reported as missing and nearly a year later was declared to have been killed in action.

On the day of his death, the Battalion was in the 43rd Brigade of the 14th (Light) Division and launched an attack on Gird and Gird Support Trenches in front of Guedecourt in the Somme sector, moving forward in a single wave. At 9.25am heavy machine-gun fire from the right brought the assault to a standstill. A renewed attack at 6.55pm was also a failure. The casualties were heavy.

He has no known grave and is remembered on Pier and Face 6B of the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing in France.

Additional Information:

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