

## **Herts at War**

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**Name:** Arthur Worsley  
**Rank:** Private  
**Service Number:** 4/5737  
**Date of Death:** 10<sup>th</sup> March 1915  
**Age:**  
**Regiment/Service:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment



**Award:**  
**Grave/Memorial Reference:** Panel 10-11  
**Cemetery/Memorial:** LE TOURET MEMORIAL, FRANCE  
**UK Cemetery/Memorial:** Hitchin War Memorial, St Mary's Church, Hitchin  
St Mary's Church Memorial Book, Hitchin (*not confirmed*)

### **Pre War:**

Born in and living in Hitchin, he enlisted in Hatfield and in August 1914. His home was 85 Queen St. Hitchin.

### **Wartime Service:**

Arthur was in the 4th Battalion of the Bedfords. Later he was allocated Regimental Number 4/5737 and posted to the 2nd Battalion of the Bedfords which was in the 21st Brigade, 7th Division, IV Corps of the 1st Army. He was killed in action in France.

The Battalion was about to take part in the Battle of Neuve Chapelle and moved to billets at Laventie on the 9th March 1915 in order to be near their assembly line. They arrived in the trenches of the assembly area at 5.00am on the 10th March 1915 ready for the Brigade attack in the direction of Moulin-du-Pietre, north east of Neuve Chapelle. The day was misty, cold and raw with rain later and the Brigade was held up by severe fire. The 2nd Bedfords were the Brigade Reserve and at 3.30pm they advanced, being deployed in two lines with two Companies in each line. They suffered from rifle and shellfire and had to cross a bare field of mud under shellfire from both sides and many men were killed on the wire in No Man's Land. Later there was considerable rifle fire before they dug in for the night. There were 16 dead and missing among the other ranks of the Battalion on that day plus a large number of wounded.

He has no known grave and is remembered on Panels 10 and 11 of the Le Touret Memorial to the Missing in France.

### **Additional Information:**

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