

## **Herts at War**

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**Name:** CHRISTIE Paul Norman Jones  
**Rank:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant  
**Service Number:**  
**Date of Death:** 9 Oct 1917  
**Age:** 19  
**Regiment/Service:** Bedfordshire Regiment "C" Coy.  
1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Bn.

**Award:**

**Grave/Memorial Reference:** Panel 48 to 50 and 162A.

**Cemetery/Memorial:** Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**UK Cemetery/Memorial:** Hoddesdon and Rye Park Town Memorial  
St Catherine and St Paul's Church, Hoddesdon  
Not on Much Hadham Memorials  
St Peters Church, Carmarthen, Wales.

**Pre War:**

Born on 18 Apr 1898 in 85 St Dunstons Road, Fulham, London and baptised on 3 Jul 1898 son of Major Octavius Francis and Christabel Frances (Cay) Christie. He was living in Queen's Hill, Hertford in 1901 and later in Culver, Much Hadham. Educated at Eton (1912-1915) and entered Sandhurst on 17 May 1916.

**Wartime Service:**

Gazetted 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in Apr 1917, entered France in June and joined the 1st Bedfordshire Regiment in June 1917 arriving in the front line on 16 July 1917 and was near Ypres in Sep 1917.

He was killed during a heavy bombardment during the Battle of Poelcapelle, while directing the fire of his men on German positions in Gheluvelt close to the Menin Road at Ypres. It was here that 13 British Divisions attacked German positions on a 5 mile line in heavy rain.

He was buried near Veldhoek on the Ypres-Menin Road but the grave was subsequently lost.

**Additional Information:**

A number of letters which Paul sent home to his parents during his time in service are reproduced at [www.bedfordregiment.org.uk](http://www.bedfordregiment.org.uk).

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Malcolm Lennox  
"Lest We Forget - Much Hadham 1914-18"  
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Much Hadham Forge Museum



