

## **Herts at War**

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**Name:** Frederick John Whaley  
**Rank:** Driver  
**Service Number:** 2096  
**Date of Death:** 6<sup>th</sup> August 1916  
**Age:** 34  
**Regiment/Service:** A Battery 303rd Brigade  
Royal Field Artillery



**Award:**  
**Grave/Memorial Reference:** III. C. 23.  
**Cemetery/Memorial:** ECOIVRES MILITARY CEMETERY, MONT-ST. ELOI,  
FRANCE  
Hitchin War Memorial, St Mary's Church, Hitchin  
St Mary's Church Memorial Book, Hitchin (*not confirmed*)  
**UK Cemetery/Memorial:** Tilehouse St Baptist Church War Memorial, Hitchin  
British Schools Museum, Hitchin

### **Pre War:**

He was the son of William and Eliza Whaley of Hitchin. His home was in Fishponds Road, Hitchin.

He was born in Tilehouse Street, Hitchin and completed an apprenticeship in 1901 with Mr Lawson Thompson the High Street Hitchin tailor. He was a member of the Blue Cross Temperance Brigade, a keen footballer and cricketer. He went to Southsea where he worked for Messrs Handley for six years. He enlisted in Portsmouth in June 1915.

### **Wartime Service:**

Frederick was allocated the Regimental Number 2096. He was posted to 'A' Battery of the 303rd Brigade London Division in the Royal Field Artillery. He was killed in action in France. The incident occurred at 10.00am on Sunday 6th August 1916 when the Battery was shelled and blew in the top of the dugout where he was sleeping after he had been on night duty.

He was buried in a cemetery some miles behind the gun position in Plot 3, Row C, Grave 23 in the Ecoivres Military Cemetery in France. A private inscription on the stone reads "*Rest in the Lord*".

### **Additional Information:**

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