



## Frederick James (William) Primett

Fred was born in Hitchin, Hertfordshire, in 1899 the son of Harry Primett (GNR Engine Driver) and Isabella Primett (nee Muirhead). One of 10 children one of which died in infancy.



1901 Census records Fred aged 1 living with his parents, brother's, Harry S. 14, Victor 9, sister's Hilda 11 and Maud 6, at Lancaster Road, Hitchin, Hertfordshire.

Fred was educated at St Mary's National School in Hitchin, Hertfordshire.



1911 Census records Fred aged 11, at school and living with his parents, sisters Hilda 22, Maude 16, Dolly 8, Janet 6, Ivy 4, brothers Victor 19 and Douglas 2 at 67 Lancaster Road, Hitchin, Hertfordshire. His father was working as an Engine Driver for the GNR. (Great Northern Railway Company).

Prior to his enlistment he was employed as a wood machinist in Letchworth, Herts.

## Military Service



Fred enlisted in Hitchin, aged 18, in December 1917 and posted to the 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Norfolk Regiment with the service number 36746. On completion of his training Fred was sent to France in May 1918. It is not known when or where Fred was wounded possible in the Saint Quentin area of France as the Norfolk Regiment were in that area at the time. He was moved back to either No 47 or No 48 Casualty Clearing Station which was situated near Brie, just West of Saint Quentin. He died of his wounds on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 1918. He is Buried at Brie British Cemetery, Somme, France. Grave Ref. II. A. 4.

Name	Grade	Rank	Regt. No.
PRIMETT	Capt. A.	P.E.	36746
Frederick James			
Notes	Date	Page	Remarks
	11/10/18	2745	
	12/10/18	26	
Thanks of War Dept. sent to date of entry despatch			

Fred was awarded the British War Medal & Victory Medal.



Fred's Medal Card.

"Fred's service records were not found, possible destroyed when the London records office was bombed in 1942"

His brother Harry Primett MM, died in hospital in France on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 1919, his other brother Victor survived the war.

"Some records he is referred to as Frederick James and others records Frederick William"

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