



## Harry Sidney Primett

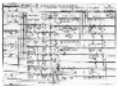
Harry was born in Hitchin, Hertfordshire, in November 1886, the son of Harry Primett (GNR Engine Fireman) and Isabella Primett (nee Muirhead). Eldest of 10 children, one child died in infancy.

He was baptised on the 5<sup>th</sup> February 1891, at Holy Saviours Church, Hitchin, Herts.

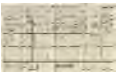


1891 Census records Harry aged 4, living with his parents and sister Hilda 1, at 64 Nightingale Road, Hitchin, Herts.

Harry attended Saint Saviours school in Hitchin, transferring to St Mary's National School, Hitchin, Herts, in May 1894.



By 1901 now aged 14 Harry had left school and was working as a Railway Station Bookshop Boy, living with his parents, sister Hilda 11, Maud 6, brothers Victor 9 and Frederick 1, in Lancaster Road, Hitchin, Herts.



1911 Census records Harry aged 24, now working in Newmarket as a Cycle Machinist and lodging at Canary Cottages, Park Lane, Newmarket, Cambs.

Harry married Elanor Sarah Brighton the daughter of George and Charlotte Brighton of Newmarket. In October 1911, it is believed they had one child Frederick J. Primett born in Hitchin, Herts in late 1918.

## Military Service



It is not known when or where Harry enlisted as his record were destroyed when the Records Office in London was bombed in 1942. What is known is he enlisted in Royal Engineers with the service number 69270 and posted to the 35<sup>th</sup> Divisional Signals Company of the Royal Engineers.



Harry was awarded the "Military Medal" for Gallantry in the field. This was confirmed by records held at the National Archives, Kew, London. At this time the Citation for his award in the "London Gazette" has not yet been found.

Harry died on the 26<sup>th</sup> January 1919. He is not mentioned in the "Soldiers Died in the Great War" database possible because he died after the end of the war. It is not known whether he died from an accident, disease or following a wound received during the fighting. It is possible he died of Influenza (Spanish Flu). He died in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Canadian Stationary Hospital in France. He is buried in the CWGC Longuenesse, (ST. Omer) Souvenir Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref Plot 5. Row F. Grave 5.

He is also commemorated on the Hitchin War Memorial, St Mary's Church, Hitchin.

| Name                           | Corps      | Rank  | Regt. No.                      |
|--------------------------------|------------|-------|--------------------------------|
| PRIMETT<br>Harry               | RE         | Spr   | 69270                          |
| Medal                          | Roll       | Page  | Remarks                        |
| VICTORY                        | RE/1075100 | A1904 | Roll (1914-1918) Part 6, Roll. |
| BATTION                        | do         | do    |                                |
| STAR                           |            |       |                                |
| Theatre of War first served in |            |       |                                |
| Date of entry theatre          |            |       |                                |
|                                |            |       | AS/RE/598                      |

As well as his Military Medal Harry was awarded the British War Medal & Victory Medal.



Harry's Medal Card.

On the reverse of his medal card it gives the Next of Kin, "Mrs E. Primett, 58 Kings Road, Hitchin, Herts".

His brother Frederick (Fred) died of wounds received in battle on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 1918, his other brother Victor survived the war.

### **Acknowledgments:**

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