

Herbert William Bacon 1881 – 1917

28.04.1917 Killed France

Memorial: Bay 7 Arras,
Nord-Pas-de-Calais

Age: 36

Middlesex Regiment during World War 1



Since 1815 the balance of power in Europe had been maintained by a series of treaties. In 1888 Wilhelm II was crowned 'German Emperor and King of Prussia' and moved from a policy of maintaining the status quo to a more aggressive position. He did not renew a treaty with Russia, aligned Germany with the declining Austro-Hungarian Empire and started to build a Navy rivaling that of Britain. These actions greatly concerned Germany's neighbours, who quickly forged new treaties and alliances in the event of war. On 28th June 1914 Franz Ferdinand the heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne was assassinated

by the Bosnian-Serb nationalist group Young Bosnia who wanted pan-Serbian independence. Franz Joseph's the Austro-Hungarian Emperor (with the backing of Germany) responded aggressively, presenting Serbia with an intentionally unacceptable ultimatum, to provoke Serbia into war. Serbia agreed to 8 of the 10 terms and on the 28th July 1914 the Austro-Hungarian Empire declared war on Serbia, producing a cascade effect across Europe. Russia bound by treaty to Serbia declared war with Austro-Hungary, Germany declared war with Russia and France declared war with Germany. Germany's army crossed into neutral Belgium in order to reach Paris, forcing Britain to declare war with Germany (due to the Treaty of London (1839) whereby Britain agreed to defend Belgium in the event of invasion). By the 4th August 1914 Britain and much of Europe were pulled into a war which would last 1,566 days, cost 8,528,831 lives and 28,938,073 casualties or missing on both sides.

In the First World War, The Middlesex Regiment (Duke of Cambridge's Own) formed a total of 49 Battalions this was mainly due to a surplus of volunteers seeking to enlist. The Regiment received a total of 81 battle honours, 5 Victoria Crosses and lost approximately 12,270 casualties during the course of the war. Battalions of the Middlesex Regiment during WW1

Arras Memorial

Birth: unknown
Death: unknown

The Arras Memorial commemorates almost 35,000 servicemen from the United Kingdom, South Africa and New Zealand who were killed in the Arras sector and have no known grave.

Burial:
[Faubourg-d'Amiens Cemetery](#) *
Arras
Departement du Pas-de-Calais
Nord-Pas-de-Calais, France
*Memorial Site [?]

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Born	Parents & Siblings at Home	Locations	Marriage / Other	Jobs / Rank
<p>4th Q 1881 Layer Marney</p> <p>Siblings 1876 Thomas J 1879 Albert Charles 1881 Herbert W 1891 Kate Elizabeth</p>	<p>Hezekiah & Mary Ann Elizabeth nee Goody</p> <p>1891 2 brothers 1 sister</p> <p>1901 1 brother 1 sister</p> <p>1911 1 sister</p>	<p>1891 Stockhouse Road, Layer Marney</p> <p>1901 & 1911 Grove Hall, Tolleshunt Knights</p> <p>1920 Wick Cottages, Tolleshunt Knights</p>	<p>His father and brothers were agricultural labourers, with his father and Charles becoming horsemen by 1901. His mother was a tailoress, who died before 1911.</p>	<p>1901 & 1911 Farm labourer</p> <p>1917 Private G/34088 Duke of Cambridge's Own (Middlesex Reg.) 17th Battalion Formerly Essex Regiment</p>