

## **Herts at War**

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**Name:** William Lawrence  
**Rank:** Private  
**Service Number:** G/29537  
**Date of Death:** 25<sup>th</sup> October 1918  
**Age:** 19  
**Regiment/Service:** 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion Queen's Own  
(Royal West Kent Regiment)



### **Award:**

**Grave/Memorial Reference:** A. 10.

**Cemetery/Memorial:** HEESTERT MILITARY CEMETERY, Belgium

**UK Cemetery/Memorial:** Hitchin War Memorial, St Mary's Church, Hitchin  
St Mary's Church Memorial Book, Hitchin (*not confirmed*)  
Tilehouse St Baptist Church War Memorial.

### **Pre War:**

He was the third son of George and Kate Lawrence who lived at 9, Russell Slip, Hitchin. He was born in Hitchin and resided there. Before the war he was employed as a pork butcher with Mr File of Bucklersbury.

### **Wartime Service:**

He enlisted in Bedford on the 15th October 1917 and was given the Regimental Number G/29537. He was posted to the 10th Battalion which was part of the 123rd Brigade of the 41st Division in XIX Corps of the 2nd Army. He was killed in action in Belgium.

The date of his death coincides with an action involving the Battalion whilst in support at Ooteghem about seven miles south east of Courtrai as part of the Battle of Courtrai.

He was buried in Row A, Grave TO in the Heestert Military Cemetery, Belgium.

### **Additional Information:**

He was the last of three brothers to join the services. One brother was gassed whilst serving with the Essex Regiment and the other, who was serving with the South Lancashire Regiment, was discharged after having a leg amputated.

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