

## Herts at War

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**Name:** George William Alfred Farrow  
**Rank:** Sergeant  
**Service Number:** 265386  
**Date of Death:** 26<sup>th</sup> September 1917  
**Age:** 19  
**Regiment/Service:** 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Hertfordshire Regiment



**Award:**

**Grave/Memorial Reference:** IXA. D. 2.

**Cemetery/Memorial:** HOOGE CRATER CEMETERY. BELGIUM

Hitchin War Memorial, St Mary's Church  
St Mary's Church Memorial Book, Hitchin (*not confirmed*)

**UK Cemetery/Memorial:** Hitchin Territorials Memorial  
Tilehouse St Baptist Church War Memorial  
British Schools Museum, Hitchin

**Pre War:**

He was the son of Mr and Mrs A.G. Farrow of Ducklands Farm, Hitchin, but born in Kentish Town, London. He resided in Hitchin and attended Hitchin Boys British School. He also enlisted in Hitchin.

**Wartime Service:**

George was given Service Number 265386. He was in No. 4 Company of the 1st Battalion of the Regiment having joined in January 1914 and went to France with them in November 1914. He had been gassed on one occasion, wounded on another and was killed in action by a shell in Belgium. At the time of his death the Hertfordshires were part of the 118th Brigade of the 39th Division in X Corps.

The Herts were not engaged in any major action at the time, but had just received a severe mauling at St. Julien, as a result of which, they temporarily ceased to exist as a fighting unit, having lost half their number. On the 26th September the 118th Brigade attacked with the three other Battalions in the Battle of Polygon Wood. They were positioned west of Gheluvelt and south of Clapham Junction (on the Ypres to Menin road).

He was buried in Plot 9A, Row D, Grave 2 in the Hooge Crater Cemetery in Belgium.

**Additional Information:**

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