



## Arthur Leslie LAWRENCE

Private. 1<sup>st</sup> Bn. Lincolnshire Regiment

### At KES:

Arthur was born in Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1898. His father died in 1910 so he then came to KES, and worked very well in the garden. When he left in 1915 he was to become a page but where is not recorded. When he joined up he was living with his mother in Rugeley Staffordshire.

**Date of Death: 4<sup>th</sup> October 1917**

**Place: Belgium**

**Remembered on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West Vlaanderen**

Arthur was only 19 years old when he died and has no known grave. It is likely that he was killed in action during the Third Battle of Ypres. This offensive was mounted by Commonwealth forces to divert German attention from a weakened French front further south. The initial attempt in June to dislodge the Germans from the Messines Ridge was a complete success, but the main assault north-eastward, which began at the end of July, quickly became a dogged struggle against determined opposition and the rapidly deteriorating weather. The campaign finally came to a close in November with the capture of Passchendaele.

## Obituary

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We regret to announce the death in action of Lawrence during the latter part of 1917. Although he never shone in school sports, yet he found great pleasure in painting and gardening. In the former he proved himself of great ability, some of his flower paintings being among the best ever done by our lads. We believe he continued his work as a gardener when he left us. Of a quiet nature was Lawrence and he surrounded himself with companions of the like character. Our sympathy goes with his mother and family.