

Herts at War

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Name: Leonard Brown

Rank: Private

Service Number: 43755

Date of Death: 20th May 1918

Age: 19

Regiment/Service: 6th Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment

Award: British War and Victory medals.

Grave/Memorial Reference: III. D. 22.

Cemetery/Memorial: PHILOSOPHE BRITISH CEMETERY, MAZINGARBE, France

UK Cemetery/Memorial: Hitchin Memorial, St Mary's Church. Panel B
St Mary's Church Memorial Book, Hitchin (*not confirmed*)



Pre War:

His home was with his mother, Mrs Elizabeth Brown, at 4, Barker's Cottages, Hitchin Hill, Hitchin. He was born in Hitchin and enlisted there in February 1917.

Before joining the army, he worked for Russell's Tanyard in Hitchin.

Wartime Service:

Leonard went to the Western Front in January 1918. He served in the 6th Battalion and was given the Regimental Number 43755. This Battalion was part of the 33rd Brigade in the 11th Division. He fought in several engagements including Cambrai and Albert. He had only been in France for three months when he was gassed at Amiens (Arras may be more likely bearing in mind where he was buried) and he died the following day at a Casualty Clearing Station.

He is buried in the Philosophe British Cemetery, France in Plot 3, Row D, Grave 22.

Additional Information:

He had four brothers serving in the armed forces.

Acknowledgments:

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