

## **Herts at War**

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**Name:** Leonard George Garratt

**Rank:** Lance Corporal

**Service Number:** G/40620

**Date of Death:** 4<sup>th</sup> April 1918

**Age:** 25

**Regiment/Service:** 18th Entrenching Bn., late 12th Bn.  
Middlesex Regiment

**Award:**

**Grave/Memorial Reference:** Panel 60-61

**Cemetery/Memorial:** POZIERES MEMORIAL, SOMME, FRANCE

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

### **Pre War:**

He was the eldest son of Victor Hugh and Florence Garrett of West Hill and of 2, Brand Street, Hitchin. He married Miss Hilda Throssell of Charlton while home on leave at Christmas 1917.

Before joining up he was in the family game and poultry business with its shop in Brand Street, Hitchin and was also a member of the Hitchin Fire Brigade. He had been born in Chelsea, resided in Hitchin, but enlisted in Middlesex.

### **Wartime Service:**

Initially he was in the 1st County of London Yeomanry with the Regimental Number 4601 but was later posted to the 12th Battalion of the Middlesex Regiment with the Number G/40620. He had been serving in France from October 1916 and was killed in action there. He was killed instantly and was seen to have been buried.

It is difficult to find the circumstances of his death as the 12th Battalion of the Middlesex Regiment had been disbanded at Noyen on the 13th February 1918 and became the 18th Entrenching Battalion and his movements are in consequence not easy to trace. This Unit may be the same as the 18th Battalion Middlesex Regiment which was a Pioneer Battalion attached to the 33rd Division.

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