

## **Herts at War**

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**Name:** Pierre Louis Gelas  
**Rank:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Class  
**Service Number:** 13016  
**Date of Death:** 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1916  
**Age:** 20  
**Regiment/Service:** 150<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment



**Award:**

**Grave/Memorial Reference:**

**Cemetery/Memorial:**

**UK Cemetery/Memorial:**

**Hitchin Boys Grammar School WW1 Memorial, Stained Glass Window, School Library. Grammar School Walk, Hitchin.**

**Pre War:**

His father, Mr J.P. Gelas, was a ribbon manufacturer and his home was at 74, the Boulevard Gambetta, Nogent-sur-Marne, Seine Department, France. Pierre was a Frenchman who attended Hitchin Grammar School from 1910-1912, he was remembered for his high spirits and vivacious laughter. He was one of the earliest boarders at the school. He was born on the 9th September 1895 and had previously attended the Ecole Communale in Nogent-sur-Marne in the Seine Department of France. When he left school he joined his father's business.

**Wartime Service:**

He was killed during the defence of Verdun and was buried in Franerville Cemetery on the banks of the Meuse.

He was posthumously awarded the Croix de Guerre for conspicuous gallantry in action.

**Additional Information:**

Possibly born in Tottenham.

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