

Albert John Hooper

10723 Private - 8th (Service) Battalion Devonshire Regiment

Born: Dawlish 1879

Son of William Hooper, a journeyman painter (born Exeter), and Mary Marchant Hooper (born St Merryn, Cornwall)

1881, They lived with Albert, 2, and Annie, 6 months, at 41, High St, Dawlish.

1891 Albert's mother Mary, a widow, worked as a laundry mangler. They lived in High St near Sidford Cottage. The blacksmith George Oliver boarded with them. The children all went to school.

1901 Albert lived at home in Truman's Court, High St, Dawlish with his widowed mother and two younger sisters, Annie (a house maid) and Ethel. He worked at home as a boot maker.

1911 Albert was still single and living with his mother at No. 2 Court, High Street. At this time he was a postman.

WW1 - Enlisted at Exeter

## Devonshire Regiment 8th (Service) Battalion

19.08.1914 Formed at Exeter as part of the First New Army (K1) and then moved to Rushmoor Camp, Aldershot as part of the 14th Division.

Nov 1914 Moved to Barossa Barracks, Aldershot and then Farnham, and back to Aldershot.

26.07.1915 Mobilised for war and landed at Havre and transferred to the 20th Brigade of the 7th Division which engaged in various actions on the Western Front including; The Battle of Loos 1915

Died of wounds 25<sup>th</sup> September 1915

Medals: Victory, British and Star



Buried: Loos Memorial – panel 35 - 37



The Loos Memorial forms commemorates over 20,000 officers and men who have no known grave, who fell in the area from the River Lys to the old southern boundary of the First Army, east and west of Grenay. On either side of the cemetery is a wall 15 feet high, to which are fixed tablets on which are carved the names of those commemorated. At the back are four small circular courts, open to the sky, in which the lines of tablets are continued, and between these courts are three semicircular walls or apses, two of which carry tablets, while on the centre apse is erected the Cross of Sacrifice.

The memorial was designed by Sir Herbert Baker with sculpture by Charles Wheeler. It was unveiled by Sir Nevil Macready on 4 August 1930.

Loos-en-Gohelle is a village 5 kilometres north-west of Lens, and Dud Corner Cemetery is located about 1 kilometre west of the village, to the north-east of the N43 the main Lens to Bethune road.

LOOS MEMORIAL.  
STONE No.36.A.

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Drew T.	Hobbs W.H.	Martin E.G.
Drummond F.J.	Hodge W.J.	Martin R.H.
Durden F.W.	Hollinshead	Matthews T.H.
Eames J.	E.W.L.	May W.L.
East P.W.	Holman G.	Mayne J.
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Eccleshall O.G.	Hook G.	Mitchmore W.E.
Edwards A.G.	Hooper A.J.	Moore J.W.