

COLIN HOLT HOOPER

Birth: 1893

Colin was the younger son of Charles Hooper, stationer, and Mary Edith of 8 Aberdeen Terrace, Blackheath, London.

Educated at Lindisfarne, Blackheath, and Oundle School (scholar).

After leaving Oundle he worked for Messrs R G Shaw and Co and was to have gone to Calcutta to further his career.

His elder brother was Charles Gordon (see below).

A third brother Bernard Leslie Hooper also served with the 20th (Blackheath and Woolwich) London Regiment as both Captain and Major. His family lived at 25 Sheengate Garden in Mortlake. (Sussex census 1911)

Lieutenant, HOOPER, COLIN HOLT. 2nd Lieutenant of the 20th Bn. London Regiment

Died 28/09/1915 of wounds sustained on the 25th. Aged 22.

He is buried in LE TREPORT MILITARY CEMETERY [Plot 1. Row E. Grave 3] (France).

War Service:

Colin was severely wounded at the battle of Loos on 25th September 1915 when leading his men into action. When first hit, he remained with his men but he was then a second time by an explosive bullet and was found exhausted in a shell-hole where he was helping two other wounded men. He died of his wounds on the 28th September aged 22 and was buried at Le Treport Military Cemetery.

He was posthumously promoted to Lieutenant in recognition of his work in the Loos sector before the battle, and was personally complimented by the Brigadier. His sergeant wrote to his parents :-

“His one thought was always for his men; he could never do enough for us. You must always feel proud of him, he was so brave and fearless, always ready and eager for any dangerous and difficult task.”

Treport was an important Hospital Centre during this time.



Location of Memorial:

He is commemorated on the Treport Military Cemetery Memorial; St Margaret's Lee War Memorial; the London Regiment Roll of Honour; and Oundle School Memorial.

Dates: 1893 - 1915

Group photo at

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