

COLIN HOLT HOOPER was the third son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hooper of Aberdeen Terrace, Blackheath, and was born on August 6, 1893.

He came to Oundle from Lindisfarne, Blackheath, and entered Dryden in September 1907.

After leaving school in December 1911 he was for some time with Messrs. R. G. Shaw and Co., and was to have gone to Calcutta in October 1914. He obtained a commission in the 20th London Regiment in August 1914, and went with them to France in March 1915.

He was with the Battalion through all their engagements, and was severely wounded at the battle of Loos, while leading his men, on September 25, 1915. When first hit he remained with his men, but he was hit a second time by an explosive bullet, and found exhausted in a shell-hole, where he had been helping two wounded men. He died of his wounds at Le Treport on September 28.

He was promoted Lieutenant in recognition of his work in the Loos sector before the battle, and was personally complimented by the Brigadier.

The Sergeant of his platoon wrote: "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."



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