

# Capt. Charles William Hooper



Played with Adelaide University Football Club

Intervarsity Football 1904.

Against a Combined Colleges side in 1905

BSc 1904 Metallurgist/Assayer at the Wallaroo Smelters



### Charles William HOOPER

Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Assayer
Address	71 Queen Street, Norwood, South Australia
Marital status	Married
Age at embarkation	31
Next of kin	Wife, Mrs Muriel Hooper, 71 Queen Street, Norwood, South Australia
Enlistment date	22 April 1915
Rank on enlistment	Lieutenant
Unit name	<a href="#">10th Battalion, 6th Reinforcement</a>
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/27/2
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Adelaide, South Australia, on board HMAT A30 <i>Borda</i> on 23 June 1915
Rank from Nominal Roll	Captain
Unit from Nominal Roll	10th Battalion
Fate	Killed in Action 25 July 1916
Age at death from cemetery records	32
Place of burial	No known grave
Commemoration details	Australian National Memorial, Villers-Bretonneux, France

Villers-Bretonneux is a village about 15 km east of Amiens. The Memorial stands on the high ground ('Hill 104') behind the Villers-Bretonneux Military Cemetery, Fouilloy, which is about 2 km north of Villers-Bretonneux on the east side of the road to Fouilloy.

The Australian National Memorial, Villers-Bretonneux is approached through the Military Cemetery, at the end of which is an open grass lawn which leads into a three-sided court. The two pavilions on the left and right are linked by the north and south walls to the back (east) wall, from which rises the focal point of the Memorial, a 105 foot tall tower, of fine ashlar. A staircase leads to an observation platform, 64 feet above the ground, from which further staircases lead to an observation room. This room contains a circular stone tablet with bronze pointers indicating the Somme villages whose names have become synonymous with battles of the Great War, other battle fields in France and Belgium in which Australians fought, and far beyond, Gallipoli and Canberra.

On the three walls, which are faced with Portland stone, are the names of 10,885 Australians who were killed in France and who have no known grave. The 'blocking course' above them bears the names of the Australian Battle Honours.

After the war an appeal in Australia raised £22,700, of which £12,500 came from Victorian school children, with the request that the majority of the funds be used to build a new school in Villers-Bretonneux. The boys' school opened in May 1927, and contains an inscription stating that the school was the gift of Victorian schoolchildren, twelve hundred of whose fathers are buried in the Villers-Bretonneux cemetery, with the names of many more recorded on the Memorial. Villers-Bretonneux is now twinned with Robinvale, Victoria, which has in its main square a memorial to the links between the two towns.

**HOOPER, Charles William**



Captain  
10th Battalion

Born: 13 April 1881, South Australia  
Father: John HOOPER  
Wife: Muriel HOOPER  
Of 71 Queen St, Norwood, South Australia  
Adelaide University Graduate  
Occupation prior to enlisting: Assayer  
Enlisted: 17 May 1915  
Embarkation: 23 June 1915  
Age: 31 years  
Served in Gallipoli & France  
Killed in Action: 25 July 1916  
Villers Bretonneux Memorial, France

Courtesy of Douglas Paterson  
Researching Prince Alfred College WWI Participants

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**Hooper, Charles William**

Enlisted on 17<sup>th</sup> May 1915 and joined the 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion as a Lieutenant. He was in command of the 6<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements that joined the Battalion on Gallipoli on 4<sup>th</sup> August 1915. Promoted to Captain on 12<sup>th</sup> March 1916. Killed in action on 25<sup>th</sup> July 1917 at Pozieres. His grave was finally lost due to battle and shell fire and his name is now recorded on the wall of the memorial at Villiers Bretonneux.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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*Four officers of the 10th Battalion standing in the light of an opening made for a firing position in a fire trench at Silt Spur. Identified, left to right: Captain (Capt) Harold William Hastings Seager; Capt Clarence Rumball; Lieutenant (Lt) Alexander Henry MacDonald; Lt Charles William Hooper (later captain, killed in action at Pozieres 25 July 1916).*



4th MILITARY DISTRICT.

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AUSTRALIAN

MILITARY FORCES.

C.M. Form A. 22.  
(Revised 1.7.14.)

Application for a Commission in the Australian Imperial Force

Particulars.

*6th Rpts 10th Inf Bktn*

*CofE*

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Surname ... } ... } HOOPER.  
 Other names (in full) } To be in block letters. } CHARLES. WILLIAM.

Educational Qualifications...  
 (Certificate to be attached for notation at District Headquarters.) Graduate Adelaide University

3. Military Qualifications (previous Military Service, if any, to be stated)  
 (Attention is directed to third sub-para. of C.M. Regulation 66.) Present rank and corps to be stated. 3 years Commissioned rank in the Citizen Forces.  
 Present rank 1st Lieutenant 81st Infantry.

4. Date on which applicant qualified at a competitive examination for first appointment as 2nd Lieutenant (U.T. Regulation 132) February 1912.

5. Present Civil Employment Assayer.

Date of Birth, and Age ...  
 (Certificate of Birth or Statutory Declaration to be attached for notation at District Headquarters.)  
 Date of Birth. April 13th 1884 Age. 31 Years 1 Month.

7. If a British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject ...  
 (In the case of the latter, date and place of Naturalization to be stated.) British Subject. **GAZETTED G.O.F. GAZETTE 36 of 8/5/15**

8. Married or Single Married.

9. Postal Address ...  
 WIFE - Mrs. M. Hooper  
 128 Grand Avenue  
 Adelaide 1915  
 71 Queen Street. Norwood 81a. Battalion Area.

10. Next of Kin ...  
 Mrs J. Hooper  
 71 Queen Str. Norwood S.A.

Date 17th May 1915 (Signature of Applicant) C.W. Hooper Lieut

NOTE.—Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces are required to attach a satisfactory certificate of moral character, or, if they are serving in the Permanent or Citizen Forces, to be recommended by their Commanding Officer. They are also to state on the back of this form the subjects in which they desire to be examined in Part II., and where exemptions are claimed for educational subjects, the authority for same is to be stated, and where necessary to be supported by certificates.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE.

In the cases of Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces, Proceedings of Medical Board, in accordance with instructions contained in "Standing Orders for the Army Medical Services," will be substituted for this Certificate; such Board, however, will not be assembled until after the nomination of the Candidate to undergo examination has been approved by the Military Board of Administration.

I, A. R. Blayton do hereby certify to the correctness of the following particulars respecting the above-named applicant. I further certify that the applicant is not ruptured, has not been operated on for Hernia, and is capable of bearing the fatigue incident to the performance of military duty.

Height 5ft 8 1/2 Weight 10 5/11  
Chest Measurement 33-36 Eyesight R 6/6 L 6/6

Signature of the Examining Medical Officer A. R. Blayton CofE

RECOMMENDATION AND CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

(Not required in the cases of Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces.)

I recommend that the candidate above named be appointed a Lieutenant in the Corps under my command, and I certify:—

1. That such appointment will be within the authorized establishment for the current year.
2. That the provisions of U.T. Reg. 33 have been fully complied with, or
  - (a) That the provisions of U.T. Reg. 33 have been fully complied with,
  - (b) That the provisions of U.T. Reg. 132 have been fully complied with,
  - (c) That all candidates higher in order of merit, by competitive examination, have been absorbed.

On appointment the candidate will be posted to 6th Reinforcement Squadron, Battery, or Coy., &c. 10th Infantry Battalion

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Commanding \_\_\_\_\_ Regt. or Corps.

RECOMMENDATION OF DISTRICT COMMANDANT.

Recommended, candidate considered suitable.

A.G. 26/5/15  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_ Commandant \_\_\_\_\_ 4th Military District.

† Sub-para. not applicable to be struck out.

N.B.—Record of War Service (if any) to be shown on back of Form. Seniority of Candidates as determined by competitive examination to be stated when two or more applications are forwarded on the same date.



Army Form B. 103.

**Casualty Form—Active Service.**

Regimental Number \_\_\_\_\_

Regiment or Corps 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion A.I.F.  
 Rank Captain Surname Hooper Christian Name K.O.  
 Religion Methodist Age on Enlistment \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ months.  
 Enlisted (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Terms of Service (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Service reckons from (a) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of promotion to present rank \_\_\_\_\_ Date of appointment to lance rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 Extended { \_\_\_\_\_ } Re-engaged { \_\_\_\_\_ } Qualification (b) \_\_\_\_\_  
 or Corps Trade and Rate \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Officer i/c Records \_\_\_\_\_

Report		Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents
Date	From whom received			
		Embarked ...		
		Disembarked ...		
5.8.15	Col. 1 <sup>st</sup> Aus Div	To join Unit	Gallipoli	17,3558 Expts 20/8/15 4.8.15 9/12/10 - 36/11/91
1.8.15	Col HMWS Berrina	Embarked for Dardanelles	Alexandria	Sailed 1/8/15
7.8.15	Col 10 <sup>th</sup> Batt	Taken on Strength from 4 <sup>th</sup> Rifle	Gallipoli	8/7/10 - 37/15/19
18.8.15	Col 10 <sup>th</sup> Batt	Absorbed in Batt Strength	Gallipoli	B213 Expts 26/8/15
		Previously shown as temp attach	Gallipoli	B213 59/1495 13.15.8
12.3.16	Col B. Div	To be Captain	Scrapium	A.I.F. Order # 240/16 B213 177 AP 1/81, 1/815
3.11.16	Col Lps Sacoria	Proceeding to join B.E.F.	Alexandria	AP 6499
		Disembarked	Marseilles	AR 5179

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.  
 (b) Signaller, Shoeing Smith, &c.

[P.T.O.]

(934) W. 15012/5158. 1,000,000. 1/18. P.P.Ltd. Forms/B.1033.

Report		Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents
Date	From whom received			
29.7.16	Col 10 <sup>th</sup> Batt	Killed in Action	In Field	B213 191505 AR 5430 190. H/1/5/64

*Hooper*

CAPT.,

for O.C. Australian Records Section.

3rd Echelon G.H.Q. B.E.F.

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DM/EB.

VENTORY OF EFFECTS of the Late Lieut. Hooper, C.W. 10th Battalion, A.I.F.

Wiltshire

T.C. & S	ONE LEATHER TRUNK (sealed)	D.S. 2321.
Number and Description of Packages		
T.C. & S.	ONE BLACK KIT BAG (sealed)	D.S. 2212.
T.C. & S.	ONE SUIT CASE (sealed)	D.S. 2214.

Date Despatched 2/11/16.

Contents of Leather Trunk, Kit Bag & Suit Case.

Leather Trunk Ctg:-

1 Cigar Case  
1 Treasury of Devotion,  
2 Tobacco Pouches  
Letters  
1 Pr. White Gloves  
1 Automatic Revolver  
1 Drawing Compass  
Collars  
1 Leather Case  
Studs  
1 Fountain Pen  
Gloves  
1 Box of Papers, etc.  
1 New Testament  
1 Photo Printing Frame  
3 Khaki Tunics  
Brushes in Case  
Socks  
1 Leather writing Case  
1 Waistcoat  
1 Pr. Tan Boots  
1 Singlet  
1 Bootcleaning Outfit  
1 Razor  
Military Books  
1 Cross in Tunic Pocket  
Handkerchiefs  
1 Muffler  
1 Clothes Brush  
Khaki Shirts  
Khaki Slacks  
Khaki Drill Slacks  
Towels  
Pyjamas  
Evening Shirts  
1 Pr. Rubber Shoes  
6 Linen Shirts.

Suit Case Ctg:-

1 Tunic  
Postcards  
1 Towel  
Leggings  
1 Rainproof Coat.

Black Kit Bag Ctg:-

1 Rug  
1 Khaki Shirt  
Abd, Belts.

Forwarded per "Wiltshire"

to:-

Mrs. M. Hooper,  
Queen's Street,  
Norwood,  
South Australia.

DM/EB.

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS of the Late Capt. Hooper, C.W. 10th Battalion, A.I.F.

Number and Description of Packages \_\_\_\_\_

Ex. 3rd Ech. 1722.

ONE PAPER PARCEL (sealed) D.S. 2995.

Case No. 78.

Date Despatched \_\_\_\_\_

Contents \_\_\_\_\_ of Parcel.

Letter  
Money Case  
Wallet  
Cable  
Metal Cigarette Case  
Note Book  
Photos  
Regimental Colours  
3 Accounts  
1 Letter  
1 Receipt from Thos. Cook & Sons  
Pouch.

Forwarded per \_\_\_\_\_

to:-  
Mrs. M. Hooper,  
Queen's Street,  
Norwood,  
South Australia.

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CARD CHECKED



Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion Inf A.I.F.

Regimental No. \_\_\_\_\_ Rank 1st Capt Name Hooper G.W.

Enlisted (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Terms of Service (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Service reckons from (a) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of promotion to present rank \_\_\_\_\_ Date of appointment to lance rank \_\_\_\_\_ Numerical position on roll of N.C.Os. \_\_\_\_\_

Extended \_\_\_\_\_ Re-engaged \_\_\_\_\_ Qualification (b) \_\_\_\_\_

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Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
1	5.8.15	G.O.C. 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust. Division	To join unit	21.4.15 4.8.15	A 3558 Ecl 20/8/15 of 1810-36/14/24
2	1.8.15	OC HMTS Berrima	Embarked for Dardanelles	Alexandria	31.7.15 Sailed 1/8/15
3	7.8.15	OC 10 <sup>th</sup> Batta	Taken on strength from 1 <sup>st</sup> Kampfgruppenk.	Gallipoli	4.8.15 Form B213. Ecl 20/8/15 of 1810-37/1549
4	18/9/15	OC 10 <sup>th</sup> Batta	Absorbed in Batta strength Gallipoli previously shown as transferred	Gallipoli	4.9.15 B 213 Pt. II 57 Sub No 4936 B/580
6	3-16	G.S. 1 <sup>st</sup> SAXONIA.	PROCEEDING TO JOIN D.B.F. ALEXANDRIA DISAPPEARED	ALEXANDRIA 27-3-16 MARSEILLES 3-16	AR 400 NR 517
5	12/3	OC 10 <sup>th</sup> Batta	To be Capt	Serapeum	12/3/10 A.I.F. Order No 40 17/3/10 B213/47 app 27/81 at 157
7	12/3	OC 10 <sup>th</sup> Batta	Killed in action	In field	25.7.16 AQ1505 AR 430 B213/47 20/1/5764 balled

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(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.  
 (b) e.g., Signaller, Shoeing Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

3rd Echelon G.H.Q. B.I.F.

## FOOTBALL.

The second match between the schools of the University was played on the Adelaide Oval last Thursday, when the Law School was opposed to a combined team chosen from the Art and Science School. The 'Varsity ought to be able to turn out a fine representative team to meet the Melbourne University next month. The first half of the game was evenly contested, and at half-time scores were — Law School, 3 goals 5 behinds; Science, 4 goals 1 behind. After the interval the law students forced the game and carried all before them. The final scores were—Law School, 9 goals 8 behinds; Science School, 6 goals 2 behinds. The most prominent players for the Law School were Jessop, Homburg, Dowdy, Reid, Haslam, Latty, and Muirhead, while Science was well represented by Cudmore, Moore, Cowan (2), Reynell, Campbell, and Hooper. The goal-kickers for the law were Edmunds, Jessop, and Haslam (2 each), Murray, Penny, and Reid (1 each), while Bowen (3), L. Cowan, Dudell, and Hooper were responsible for the losers' goals.

### University versus Colleges.

The following teams have been chosen to play in the football match, University versus a combined college team, on the Adelaide Oval to-day:—

University—To be chosen from Angwin, D. Cowan, L. Cowan, Catchlove, Cudmore, Dawson, Dempster, Donnelly, Doudy, Drew, Goode, Haslam, Hooper, Lang, Latty, Moore, Muirhead, Newland, Reid, Richards, and Reynell.

Combined Team.—Prince Alfred — G. Bateman, J. L. Davidson, G. P. Goode, A. V. King, R. Middleton, S. W. G. Parnell, H. Pope, H. W. D. Stoddart. St. Peters— V. Cresdee, J. Forrest, L. W. Gill, H. B. James, L. A. Lewis, A. F. Pincombe, A. V. Stephen, W. H. Stevenson, E. P. Turner, W. R. Warren.