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**387 Lance Corporal
George William
Burnett Hooper**

41st Battalion



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A.I.F.
41st. Battalion.

HOOVER.
G.W.B. 387.

"Killed in Action 27.2.17".

Buried in the Honour Cemetery Armentieres in Grave 223.
Section 111. Block 111. Row F. German List of Graves in
Cemetery.

Cert. by letter from Capt. Mills, 28.7.19.

London.
7.10.19.

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A. I. F.
41st Battn.

Hooper.
G. W. B. 387.

"Killed 27.2.17."

I was at his burial service at Bon Jean Cemetery. We came over together on the "Clan McGilory" and I knew him well.

Reference :-
R. H. Epps 1892.
41st Battn.

Dartford.
7.5.17.
S. P. J.

London.
14.5.17.

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Alst A.I.P.

HOOPER G.W.B. No.387.

K. 27th February 1917. Det D/B.

If Hooper G.W.B. is the one I know whose initials are the same he was a Corporal when he met his death. It was on the Armentieres front and Hooper and others had volunteered to take a position in the front line during a retaliation. A m rifle grenade came over exploding a box of bombs killing three men and wounding the 4th. Hooper was one of the killed and should be buried in the cemetery near at Square Farm. He was tall, dark, very clean cut features and pleasant manner, about 24 years old.

The one who escaped was a Corporal of H.G who had been wounded before at Pozieres.

Inf:- Pte H. Houston No.339.

H.S. "Heaven".

Calais. 31.V.17. ASD.

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HOOPER, G.W.B. 387.

K. Feb 27th 1917. Det B/B.

He was killed with tthree more by a Minne in one bay Armentieres. I saw him a few minutes after it happened. He was very daring and used to walk about in No Man's Land in broad daylight. He is probably buried at Armentieres.

Inf: J.P. Tape. 41 A.I.f. 530.
Dublin 83 General.
BOULOGNE. 6.6.17.

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A.I.F. 41.

HOOPER, G.W.B. 387

K.Feb.27th.1917. Det: D & B.

I am pretty sure this is the man who was killed by a shell which hit a box of bombs in a certain bay in the trench. It killed him straight out, striking him through the head. I saw him lying dead myself. He was a Lee.Cpl. and he was going the next day to England to get a commission. I think he was a relation or friend of our Brigadier, General Cannon. I have seen his grave in Armentieres Cemetery.

Informant: Pte Dun. 82.
No.13 General Hospital.
BOULOGNE. 6.6.17.

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41st Battn.
A. I. P.

"Killed 14.2.17."	873 A. Gray.
"Killed in Action 27.2.17."	387 G.W.B. Hooper.
"Killed 31.1.17."	689 A.T. Langtree.
"Killed 20.1.17."	1966 J. O'Connor.
"Died of Wounds 2.2.17."	572 Cpl. A.E. Pakenham.

All these men were killed at Armentieres and buried in the Cemetery there - graves marked.

Informant:-
Pte. 1901 C. J. Dodd.
41st Battn.
A. I. P.

London.
8.6.17.

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Havre

9th June. 1917

41st AUSTRALIANS

HOOPER, G.W.B. 387
Langtree, A.T. 689

K. Feb. 27th. 1917. Det. D/B.

Langtree was in the L.G. Sec. Hooper was in B. Company. I saw thier bodies near the first aid station, Armentieres in February, 1917. Both these men are buried in the Armentieres Military Cemetery.

Informant: Sergt. D.F. Beal 820
41st Batt., D. Co., XIII. Pltn.
Australians.
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

RM.

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Havre

12th June. 1917.

41st AUSTRALIANS

HOOPER, G.W.B. # 387

K. Feb. 27th. 1917. Det. D/B.

He was in B. Co., I believe VI. Pltn. I carried him out from the Square Farm Sector on February 27th, 1917, and left the body in the subsidiary trench near the 5 dug-outs. The Battalion Pioneers took charge and he would be buried by them near Battalion H.Q., Square Farm. He was known as Bert.

Informant: Pt. W. Chalmers 4701
41st Batt., B. Co., V. Pltn.
Australians.
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

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A.I.F. 42.

HOOPER, G.W.B. 387

K. Feb 27th 1917. Dets D/B.

He was killed by a whizz-bang during an attack in the Armentieres sector. I saw him after he was killed. He was buried at Armentieres with two others, killed at the same time.

Inf: R.G.Cleland. 4387.
Dublin 83 General
BOULOGNE. 12.6.17.

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41st A. I. F.

G. W. B. HOOPER, 387

Killed 27.2.17. Det.D & B.

He was in B.Coy. He was killed by a shell which fell in the front line trench. He was a L/Corpl. at the time he was killed. Informant was in the trench about 100 yards to his right at the time of the Casualty.

Reference: Sergt.F.J.Burtenshaw, 127, A.Coy.

No.11 Stationary, Rouen, 14.6.17.

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A. I. F. 41.

HOOPER, G. H. E. 387.

R. February 27th, 1917.

In Square Farm sector, Armentieres, about end of February I saw Hooper killed in the front line trench. We were making a raid at the time and Hooper was 1st bayonet man with the H.G. team posted in our front line to cover the return of our men. While they were on the way back I saw a shell cut the H.G. in half and land in and explode a box of bombs. Three of the team were killed and three wounded. I was in the same bay within 5 yards of it. Hooper was standing almost on the bombs. His head was badly knocked about and he must have died instantly. I last saw his body in the mortuary and have no doubt he was properly buried somewhere about Armentieres. The other two men killed were E. Long and another. His number is about 350. Comes from Central W. Queensland where his father has a big station. Came over in the Bonathena, leaving Australia 18th May, 1916. He was in B.

Reference:- W.R. Hooper, 531. A.I.F. 41.E.

No. 7 Can. Gen. Hosp.

Staples
15.6.17.

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Havre

19th June, 1917.

41st AUSTRALIANS

HOCKER, G.W.B. 387

E. Feb. 27th. 1917. Det. D/B.

He was in B. Company and was killed in our lines by a shell at Armentieres. He was badly knocked about. I do not know where he was buried.

Informant: J. Collins 389

41st Batt. B. Co., A.I.F.

Ambulance Train 17. Havre.

RES.

Swift
Bpd

11st Battn.
A. I. P.

Hooper.
G. W. B. 387.

"Killed 27.2.17."

I saw his body being carried with others on a tram-truck to Headquarters for burial at Armentieres. Lieut. Woods Headquarters (M.G.) was the O.C. in charge when Hooper was killed and may know more. Hooper was a L. M. G. Cpl. Stewart was in charge of his section and is in England wounded, but I don't know his initials or where he is.

Witness:-

P. J. Luscombe. 219.
41st Battn.

L. P. J.

London.
22.6.17.

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41st A.I.F.

Hooper, Pte. G.W.B. 387
B Coy.

K. 27/2/17. Det. D/B.

"Pte. G.W.B. Hooper was killed at Armentieres, a shell came over and exploded a box of bombs, killing 3 or 4 men, Hooper amongst them, on the 27th Feb./17. The only man living of the party is Pte. D. Morgan of B Company, same regiment, who could give any further information".

Eye Witness: Yes.

Description: Can't comply.

Informant:- Pte. D. A. Gregor, 432,
41st A.I.F. B Coy. VIII Pltn.
Norfolk War Hospital, Norwich.

Home address:- Chatsworth Island,
Clarence River,
New South Wales, Australia.

4th June 1917.
Edgar Rice.

B.
Ch. Ch.
Capt.

A.I.F. 41st Bn

G.W.B.

COOPER
387

"X. in A. 27-2-17"

Buried Cité Bonjean Cemetery Armentières
Certified by A.I.F. Hqs 24-7-17.

London
26-7-17

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