



## **Stanley Harrison Hooker**

**Lance Corporal SD 1931 Royal Sussex Regiment 12<sup>th</sup> (Service), 39<sup>th</sup> Division**

**Died 24<sup>th</sup> September 1917 aged 23**

Stanley was born at Burstow, Surrey on 18<sup>th</sup> July 1894 to Charles Hooker and Annie Elizabeth Harrison. The 1901 Census shows Stanley was living at Dial Post House, West Grinstead with his parents, his brother Gilbert (1893) and sister Mary (1898). His father Charles was a farmer. Stanley was educated at Dial Post School and Belvedere in Haywards Heath.

Stanley's father died in 1907 and by the 1911 Census the family was living at Hammer Farm, Shipley. His mother Annie was now the farmer, his brother Gilbert was working on the farm and Stanley's occupation was an assistant at an ironmonger's shop. There was now another sister Annie aged 4, but Mary who would have been 13, was not listed. She could possibly have been in service. By the time of Stanley's death his mother had moved to 'Henley', Shelley Park, Horsham.

Stanley was named on the Roll of Honour published in the Shipley Parish Magazine in November 1914 in honour of those who had enlisted. Stanley enlisted in November 1914 into a Southdowns Battalion\*, and after completion of training his Division embarked for France in March 1916. Stanley served with the British Expeditionary Force in France and Flanders and took part in and survived the Battle of the Somme. He was killed in action the following year at Tower Hamlet Ridge near Ypres.

In November 1917 the Reverend Baker held a memorial service for all the fallen Shipley men, and families contributed to a laurel wreath to be placed alongside the Roll of Honour which was placed at the West Door. By this time the Roll of Honour commemorated the fallen and the original Roll became a list of Shipley men who had enlisted to serve their King and Country.

Stanley is buried in Bedford House Cemetery enclosure No.4 Belgium and commemorated in Shipley Church.

He was awarded the British War Medal and Victory Medal.

\*Note: see accompanying document The Southdowns Battalions.

In Memory Of  
Lance Corporal

# S HOOKER

Service Number: SD/1931

12th Bn., Royal Sussex Regiment who died on 25 September 1917 Age 23

Son of Charles and Annie E. Hooker, of "Henley", Shelley Park, Horsham, Sussex.

Born at Burstow, Surrey.

IN JESUS KEEPING WE ARE SAFE AND THEY WILL BE

Remembered with Honour

**BEDFORD HOUSE CEMETERY**

Enclosure No.4 IV. A. 11.



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