



Capt. Charles William Hooper



25th July 1916



Played with Adelaide University



Football Club: Intervarsity Football - 1904

University v Combined Colleges - 1904

BSc - 1904, Dip ME&M, Fellowship SASM&I - 1906

Metallurgist/Assayer at the Wallaroo Smelters

Background

Coinciding with the Centenary of Anzacs our incentive behind the series of biographical publications is the Adelaide University Football and Cricket Club's desire to honour our players who served in the Great War (1914 - 1918). These brave men put on hold their academic, professional and sporting careers for King and Country in the name of peace and freedom. The AUFC/AUCC WW1 Memorial Committee is endeavouring to identify every one of our players who served and prepare life stories on all. This is to ensure their sacrifices and further contributions to society will be recognised by future generations.

On Anzac Day 2015, the Centenary of the Gallipoli landing, a memorial plaque was unveiled on the Adelaide University Oval Pavilion and this was followed by the erection of a picket fence between the pavilion and the scoreboard with each picket bearing a plaque with the name of an AUFC/AUCC player who served.

The following documentation relates to the life of Charles William Hooper. It is compilation of information and photographs collected from a variety of historical sources.

The AIF Project

<https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=142438>



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	10th Battalion, 6th Reinforcement
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	<p>Australian National Memorial, Villers-Bretonneux, France</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>

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.

Panel number, Roll of Honour,
Australian War Memorial

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Miscellaneous information from
cemetery records

Parents: John and Elizabeth HOOPER; husband of Muriel HOOPER, 138 Grant Avenue, Toorak, South Australia. Also listed in Cemetery Details as buried Pozieres British Cemetery (Plot 38?, Row D, Grave No. 29), from I.W.G.C card. Checked with Lexie, War Graves and she has Villers as the burial.

Service Record

<http://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=5833805>

4th MILITARY DISTRICT.		C.M. Form A. 22. (Revised 1.7.14.)	
A.G. <u>42496</u>		AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.	
Application for a Commission in the Australian Imperial Force			
Particulars.		<u>Capt</u>	
Surname ...	HOOPER.	To be in block letters.	
Other names (in full)	CHARLES. WILLIAM.	Index	
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.	Age.	
	April 13th 1884	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.A. GAZETTE. 36 of 8/5/15		
8. Married or Single	Married.		
9. Postal Address	71 Queen Street. Norwood		Battalion Area. 81a.
10. Next of Kin	Married Hooper, 71 Queen Str. Norwood		
Date <u>17th May 1915</u>	(Signature of Applicant) <u>C.W. Hooper Spent</u>		
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, <u>A. K. Blayton</u> 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	<u>5ft 8 1/2</u>	Weight	<u>10 5/1</u>
Chest Measurement	<u>33-36</u>	Eyesight	<u>R 6/6 L 6/6</u>
(Signature of the Examining Medical Officer)		<u>A. K. Blayton Capt</u>	
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 <u>Lieutenant</u> in the Corps under my command, and I certify:—			
1. That such appointment will be within the authorized establishment for the current year.			
2. (a) That the provisions of U.T. Reg. 33 have been fully complied with, or			
(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 <u>6th Munition Squadron, Battery, or Coy., &c.</u>			
<u>10th Infantry Battalion</u>			
Date	Commanding	Regt. or Corps.	
A.G. <u>24/5/15</u>	RECOMMENDATION OF DISTRICT COMMANDANT.		
Recommended, candidate considered suitable.			
Date	Commandant	Military District.	
	<u>6th Munition</u>	<u>6th Munition</u>	
† 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.			

Regiment or Corps. 10th Battalion A.F.F.
 Rank Captain Surname Hooper Christian Name Geo
 Religion Anglican 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		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., 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 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 st Aus. Div.	To join Unit	Gallipoli	11.8.15	A.3558 Enls 20/8/15 9/18/10 - 36/11/11 27/8/15
1.8.15	% HM's Division	Embarked for Dardanelles	Alexandria	31.7.15	Sailed 1/8/15 9/18/10 - 37/18/15
7.8.15	% 10 th Batt	Taken on Strength from 4 th Rifa	Gallipoli	11.8.15	B.213 Enls 26/8/15
18.5.15	% 10 th Batt.	Absorbed in Batt Strength			
		Previously shown as temp. attach	Gallipoli	14.9.15	B.213 Enls 59/12/15 13.15.8
12.3.16	% B. Tro.	To be Captain	Serapeum	12.3.16	AR 4 Order 4.40.16 23/11/15 B.213/117 AR 6/18/15
3.11.16	% Lps Saeonia	Proceeding to join B.E.F.	Alexandria	27.3.16	AR 6499
		Disembarked	Marseilles	3.11.16	AR 5179

(b) Signaller, Shoeing Smith, &c.

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Biography

Early Life

Charles William Hooper was born at Kenton Valley (near Gumeracha), South Australia on the 13th April 1884, the second son of John Hooper and Elizabeth (Bessie) Lillecrapp.

His siblings were Mary (b 1878 - d 1959), Bessie (b 1878 - d 1968), Isabelle Brakenridge (b 1880 - d 1956), John (b 1882 - d 1953), Alice (b 1883 - d 1943), Andrew (b 1885 - d 1956), Margaret (b 1885 - 1952), Samuel (b 1887 - d 1887), Samuel (b 1889 - d 1889), Alexander (b 1891 - d 1892) and David (b 1893 - d 1893).

Charles' father was a horse breeder at Gumeracha and later a storekeeper at Norwood.



Charles William Hooper
BIRTH 20 APR 1884 • Kenton Valley, South Australia, Australia
DEATH 25 JUL 1916 • France
<https://www.ancestry.com.au/family-tree/person/tree/20369815/person/937774011/facts>

1884 (AGE)	Birth 20 Apr 1884 • Kenton Valley, South Australia, Australia 1 Source	Family Parents  JOHN HOOPER 1853-1932  ELIZABETH JANE LILLECRAPP 1853-1934 Siblings ▾ Spouse & Children  Muriel Lane 1885-1948  Peter Laurence Hooper 1914-1989
1885 1	Birth of Sister Margaret Hooper (1885-1952) 12 Jul 1885 • Kenton Valley, South Australia	
1885 1	Birth of Brother Andrew Hooper (1885-1956) 12 Jul 1885 • Kenton Valley, South Australia, Australia	
1887 2	Birth of Brother Samuel Hooper (1887-1887) 28 Feb 1887 • Gumeracha, South Australia, Australia	
1887 2	Death of Brother Samuel Hooper (1887-1887) 9 Apr 1887 • Marryatville, South Australia	
1889 5	Birth of Brother Samuel Hooper (1889-1889) 5 May 1889 • Marryatville, South Australia, Australia	
1889 5	Death of Brother Samuel Hooper (1889-1889) 10 Nov 1889 • South Australia, Australia	
1891 7	Birth of Brother Alexander Hooper (1891-1892) 1 Dec 1891 • Norwood, South Australia, Australia	
1892 7	Death of Brother Alexander Hooper (1891-1892) 21 Jan 1892 • Norwood, South Australia, Australia	
1893 8	Birth of Brother David Hooper (1893-1893) 21 Jan 1893 • Norwood, South Australia, Australia	
1893 9	Death of Brother David Hooper (1893-1893) 25 Aug 1893 • Norwood, South Australia, Australia	
1910 26	Marriage 1910 • Sydney, New South Wales, Australia  Muriel Lane (1885-1948) 2 Sources	
1914 29	Birth of Son Peter Laurence Hooper (1914-1989) 6 Mar 1914 • Wallaroo, South Australia, Australia	
1914 30	Military 1914-1920 1 Source	
1916 32	Death 25 Jul 1916 • France 2 Sources	
	Burial Villers-Bretonneux, Departement de la Somme, Picardie, France 1 Source	

Schooling

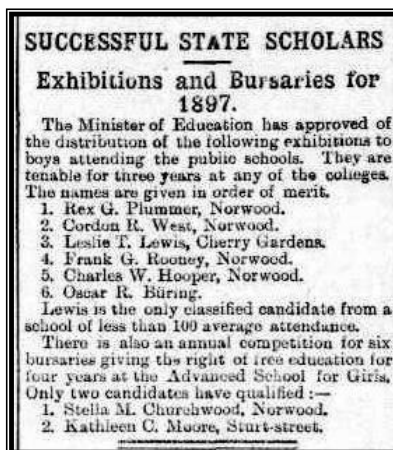
In September 1897 Charles was attending school at Norwood. He passed the Preliminary Examinations and in December 1897 he was awarded a three year state scholarship to attend one of the colleges.

"SUCCESSFUL STATE SCHOLARS"

The Express and Telegraph (Adelaide, SA : 1867 - 1922)

31 December 1897

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article209127406>



From 1898 to 1901 Charles attended Prince Alfred College, Adelaide where he passed four subjects in the Junior Public Examinations in 1898 (English, Latin, Mathematics and elementary chemistry), six subjects in the Senior Public Examinations in 1900 (English (credit), Latin, German, Pure Mathematics, Chemistry (credit) and Experimental Physics) and five subjects in the Higher Public Examinations in 1901 (Latin, German, Pure Mathematics, Physics and Inorganic Chemistry (credit)).

Charles was a member of the PAC football team in 1901, playing in the Inter-collegiate match against St Peter's College in June 1901.

"THE COLLEGE FOOTBALL MATCH."

The Express and Telegraph (Adelaide, SA : 1867 - 1922)

28 June 1901

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article209688283>



The teams and their positions were as follows:—	
PRINCE ALFRED.	ST. PETERS.
Forward.	
W. A. V. Drew	F. L. Simpson
R. Rounsevell	A. E. Eley
F. G. Rooney	G. C. K. Sewell
Half-forward.	
D. Cowan	C. F. Sage
G. D. Moore	A. F. Edwards
W. D. Moffat	F. R. Thomas
Centre.	
A. R. Wright	C. M. Milne
L. Cowan	W. G. Reid
W. Lang	M. Sprod
Half-back.	
C. R. Dowdy	J. R. Muirhead
R. A. Goode	P. D. Bright
H. V. Throssell	A. G. Lovelock
Back.	
F. H. Burgess	Hogarth
F. D. Stapley	B. J. B. Morphet
C. W. Hooper	R. J. B. Morphet
Followers.	
J. Homburg	J. W. Flood
C. Mellor	G. G. Gwynne
Rover.	
S. G. L. Catchlove	G. C. Campbell.

THE ROYAL COLLEGE FOOTBALL MATCH.

The annual contest between St. Peter's and Prince Alfred colleges will be played to-day on the Adelaide Oval in the presence of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall. This will be the only outdoor function the Royal party will attend to-day. The game will begin at 2.30 p.m., and half-time will be 3.25 p.m., when afternoon tea will be partaken of. Their Royal Highnesses will arrive at the oval at 2.45 p.m. They will drive into the playing ground over the bicycle track and around the south end of the oval to the members' stand, where they will be received by Lord and Lady Tennyson, the Bishop of Adelaide, Right Rev. Dr. Harmer, and Mrs. Harmer, the visitor of St. Peter's College; the Rev. T. Piper, president of Prince Alfred College; the Rev. H. Girdlestone, M.A., headmaster of St. Peter's College; and Mrs. Girdlestone; and Mr. W. R. Bayly, acting headmaster of Prince Alfred College, and Mrs. Bayly. The cadets from the two schools will form a guard of honor. The Duke will then advance to a small table about 30 paces from the bicycle track, where he will present each boy taking part in the match with a token. The Royal party will then proceed to the Governor's box in the members' pavilion, and stay till the game is over. They will leave the oval by walking in front of the stand northwards past the smokers' stand and tennis court to a carriage awaiting them on the drive. All occupants of the members' stand will be expected to remain seated while the Royal party pass. The Eastern Suburban Band will be in attendance. To prevent the crush at the gates there will be 19 turnstiles available, and patrons are requested to give the exact amount at the turnstiles to prevent confusion. Children will obtain tickets at the change window and pass in by a separate gate. Patrons of the public reserve will be able to obtain afternoon tea in a marquee erected on the tennis courts at the back of the pavilion. Tea will be available from 3 p.m., both in the public reserve and the members' reserve.

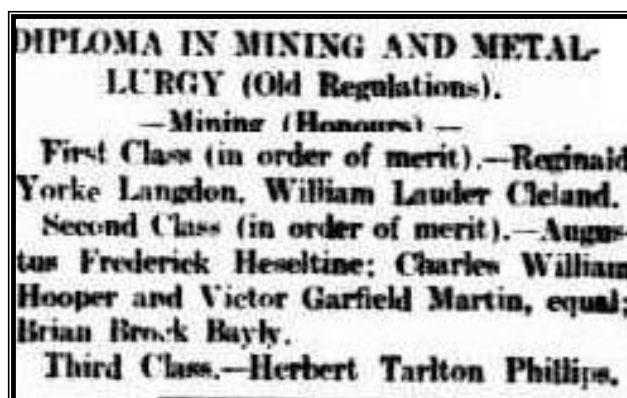
Charles gained his Bachelor of Science degree in 1904.

Charles was also undertaking subjects at the South Australian Institute of Mines and Industries, Including assaying and mechanical engineering. He was awarded a Diploma in Mining and Metallurgy (Mining with Second Class Honours (in absentia) in December 1906.

The Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929)

5 December 1905

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article55652306>



Sport

Football

Charles represented the PAC Old Boys in a match against present players in 1902.

He played four games of senior football with the Norwood Football Club in the South Australian Football Association competition in May 1903.

PLAYERS - HOOPER, Charles

Charles William HOOPER

STATISTICS
Guernsey Number:
Career: 1903
NFC Games: 4
NFC Goals: 0
Debut: v West Torrens (Norwood) 2nd May 1903
Finale: v Port Adelaide (Alberton) 30th May 1903

Charles William Hooper was born at Gumeracha in 1884, the second son of Mr. John Hooper of Queen St Norwood. He was educated at Prince Alfred College and graduated with degrees of B.A. and B.Sc from the University Adelaide.

Hooper played four League games for Norwood in 1903 and was later employed in Wallaroo in the assay office of the Wallaroo and Moonta Mining and Smelting Company.

He enlisted in the 10th Battalion, Australian Imperial Force and embarked for overseas in June 1915. Hooper served at Gallipoli and rose to the rank of Captain before he was killed in action in France in July 1916

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In July 1904 Charles played in the intra-varsity schools football competition for the Art/Science Schools in matches against the Law School and the Medical School. He also competed in a match between University and a combined Colleges side. The games were used as trial/selection matches for the upcoming Intervarsity football match against Melbourne University.

22 July 1904

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article4990101>

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.

10 August 1904

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article208778055>

FOOTBALL.

UNIVERSITY VERSUS COLLEGES.

A match between teams representing the Adelaide University and the combined forces of the Prince Alfred and St. Peter's Colleges was played on the Adelaide Oval on Tuesday afternoon. The game was arranged principally with the object of giving the University men an opportunity of practising in view of the approaching visit of the Melbourne University team on August 27. The teams were composed as follow:—University—Angwin, D. Cowan, L. Cowan, Catchlove, Cudmore, Dawson (captain), Dempster, Donnelly, Doudy, Drew, Goode, Haslam, Hooper, Moore, Muirhead, Newland, Reid, and Reynell. Colleges—Prince Alfred—G. Bateman, J. L. Davidson, G. P. Goode, A. V. King, R. Middleton, S. W. G. Parrall, R. Pope, H. W. D. Stoddart. St. Peter's—V. Crodee, J. Forrest, L. W. Gill, H. B. James, L. A. Lewis (captain), A. F. Pincombe, A. V. Stephen, W. H. Stevenson, E. P. Turner, W. R. Warren.

The colors of the University team were black and white and of the combined team those of their respective colleges. The scoring-board began registering goals when Dempster marked prettily about 60 yards from goal. This was succeeded by goals by Moore and Dawson, and another by Dempster, who was playing centre forward. Dempster threw away several chances of goals for minors in the early part of the game, but he more than atoned for it at a later stage. The University team had the best of the encounter during this quarter, and really had the Collegians at their mercy. In the second quarter the state of affairs was much the same, but Pincombe relieved the monotony just

before the interval by kicking the first goal for his side. When the second half of the play commenced the black-and-whites had apparently determined to allow their opponents to make up leeway. The play consequently was much looser than before, but in the last quarter the 'Varsity boys' tightened rein and added goals to the tally in quick succession. In the last two quarters Dempster kicked five goals, Drew two, Newland one, and Moore one, while Pincombe kicked three for the Collegians, Stevenson two, and King one. On the whole the undergrads, excelled by their adoption of superior tactics. Their play was safer and surer than that of the combined team, particularly in regard to passing and shepherding. The combined teams played well together, and passed admirably at times, and did some capital runs, but they were outclassed when the blacks cared to exert themselves. Conspicuous among the players were Haslam, Newland, Moore, Doudy, Reynell, Angwin, and Dempster, of the University, and Davidson, Warren, Lewis, Pincombe, and Stevenson of the combined.

Scores:—

First Quarter.

University, 2 goals 3 behinds.

Colleges, 1 behind.

Second Quarter.

University, 4 goals 8 behinds.

Colleges, 1 goal 4 behinds.

Third Quarter.

University, 7 goals 12 behinds.

Colleges, 5 goals 4 behinds.

Final.

University, 13 goals 19 behinds.

Colleges, 7 goals 6 behinds.

As a result of the matches Charles was selected as the reserve back for the 1904 Intervarsity (the first Intervarsity football match played between Adelaide University and Melbourne University).

"UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL." *The Express and Telegraph (Adelaide, SA : 1867 - 1922)*

24 August 1904

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article208779274>



Athletics

Charles competed in the 1905 Adelaide University Sports coming third in the 440 yards obstacle race.

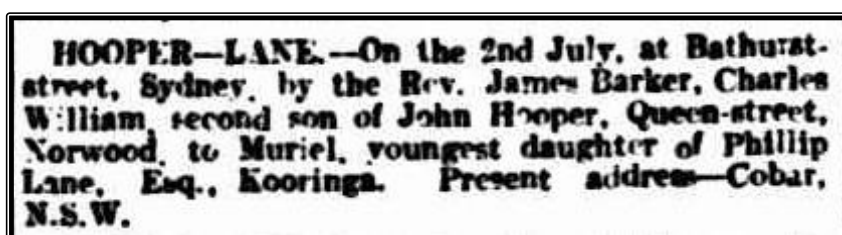
Career and Family Life

After completing his studies Charles commenced working in the mining industry. We are unsure where he worked in the early stages of his career. However on the 2nd July 1910, Charles married Muriel Lane, the youngest daughter of Phillip Lane (of Koorunga, near Burra, SA) and the couple left for their future home at Cobar, NSW.

"Family Notices" *The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931)*

22 July 1910

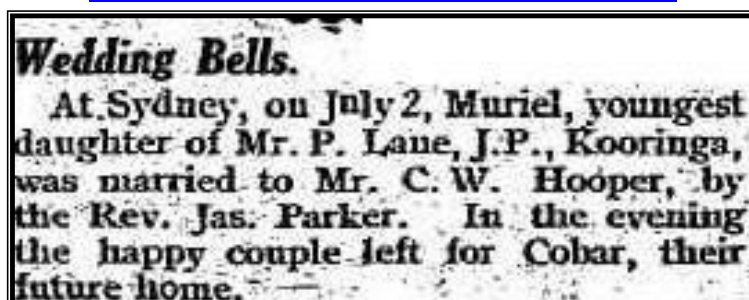
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"Wedding Bells." *Burra Record (SA : 1878 - 1954)*

13 July 1910

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article37486227>



By November 1911, Charles and Muriel had moved to Wallaroo, SA where Charles had secured a job in the assay office of the Wallaroo and Moonta Mining and Smelting Company.

Charles played cricket for Wallaroo in November and December 1911. He was actively involved in the military forces from at least April 1912, becoming a provisional Lieutenant in the Senior Cadets at that date. In December 1912 he became a provisional second lieutenant in the Citizens Forces, 81st Infantry (Wakefield Battalion).

Yorke's Peninsula Advertiser (SA : 1878 - 1922)

12 September 1913: 2. Web. 7 Nov 2018

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article216020460>

MILITARY ITEMS,—The annual inspection of the local units of the 81st Infantry was held on Saturday last at Moonta. There was a good muster and a useful day's work was the result. The band and A Coy (Moonta) paraded at 3 o'clock, and, after the equipment, etc, had been inspected, moved to the railway station, where they were joined by the machine gun section and signallers (Wallaroo) and B Coy (Kadina). The whole then marched to the rifle range, where under direction of the officers and instructional staff the various exercises were carried out. Major C. H. Brand (General Staff Officer) was the inspecting officer, and there were also present Lieut-Colonel W. L. Raws (C.O. 81st Infantry), Capt A. E. Clayton (Army Medical Corps), Lieut G. E. Gill (adjutant), Lieut A. A. Heinicke (A Coy) and Lieut C. W. Hooper (B Coy). The troops returned to the town at about 9 o'clock, in time for the Kadina and Wallaroo units to catch the late train.—The parades for the coming week are :—A Coy, 81st Infantry, alternative half-day, Saturday, 20.h inst, B Coy, Senior Cadets—voluntary, this (Friday) evening; statutory half-day, Saturday (to-morrow); statutory night, Thursday, 18.h inst, C Coy, Senior Cadets — voluntary, this (Friday) evening.

In December 1913 'The Express and Telegraph' newspaper reported that Charles had been awarded a Bachelor of Engineering 'in lieu of surrender degree of bachelor of science', however the University of Adelaide Calendar continued to show Charles as holding a B.Sc..

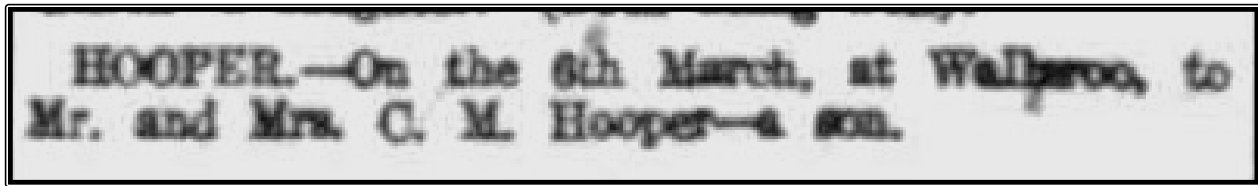
In March 1914 Charles was promoted to a lieutenant in the Citizens Forces and he was on the committee to organise the Military and Cadets Sports at Moonta in June 1914.

Charles and Muriel's only child, a son, Peter Lawrence (sometimes recorded as Laurence) Hooper was born at Wallaroo on the 6th March 1914.

The Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929)

14 March 1914

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article58499857>



On the 29th August 1914, Charles was at Port Pirie with A and B Companies from Wallaroo and Moonta to relieve the Port Pirie Company who had been encamped since the 6th August 1914.

World War I

After a farewell from the staff of the Smelting Works, Charles left Wallaroo in April 1915.

The Kadina and Wallaroo Times (SA : 1888 - 1954)

24 April 1915

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article109194543>

OFF TO THE WAR—On Wednesday evening, at the Smelting Works laboratory, the members of the staff met to wish good-bye and to tender good wishes to Lieutenant W. C. Hooper, who volunteered for the war and left for Adelaide on Thursday. A presentation of a case of silver-mounted pipes was made, and the hope expressed that he would be given an opportunity to prove his qualities as a soldier, and that he would return safely to Wallaroo. Regret is felt at the departure of Lieut. Hooper, as he has just completed arrangements for establishing a social club and gymnasium in connection with the Military Forces. It is hoped that someone will volunteer to carry on the work he has so successfully performed in connection with the local forces.

The Express and Telegraph (Adelaide, SA : 1867 - 1922)

28 May 1915

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article209988086>

Lieutenant C. W. Hooper, of the "Glorious 10th Regiment," was received with loud cheers. He said he was proud to belong to the "Glorious 10th." He realised that he and those of his company would have a great advantage in joining experienced troops. He thanked them for the splendid reception they had given him. He wished to say that there were some very undesirable men in camp—some who were not fit to wear the King's uniform, but he was proud to say that there was not a P.A.C. boy or a St. Peter's boy amongst them. (Loud cheers.)

Charles was one of the Old PAC Boys entertained at a function in May 1915 and said he was proud to belong to the "Glorious 10th".

On the 17th May 1915 he applied for a commission in the Australian Imperial Forces. Charles was 31 years old, 5'8½" tall and weighed 10 stone.

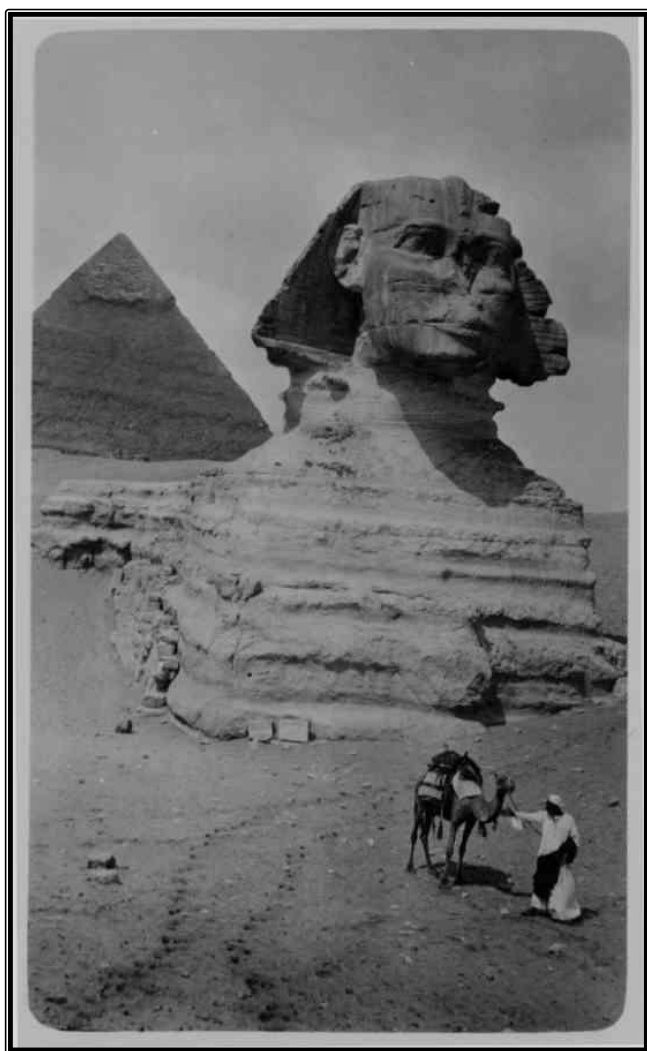
The Virtual War Memorial Australia records the following extract from Michael Coligan's *Norwood Men Who Served*, 2015.

"Charles Hooper embarked from Adelaide aboard HMAT A30 Borda on June 23, 1915, with team-mates Leslie Bryant and Clifford Cope. He then embarked from HMTS Berrima on August 1, 1915, for the Dardenelles, Alexandria and was General Officer Commanding (GOC) 1st Australian Division at Gallipoli until September 4, which was then absorbed into the 6th Reinforcements/10th Battalion at Gallipoli until September 18, 1915. On March 27, 1916, he proceeded from Alexandria to join the BEF embarking on the Laseonis for France and disembarking at Marseilles on 3 April. Charles Hooper was killed in action in the field near Poziers, France on July 25, 1916, and is buried between Poziers and Bazentin – Le Petit, about 5 miles north-east of Albert. His memorial cross is erected at Poziers British Cemetery."

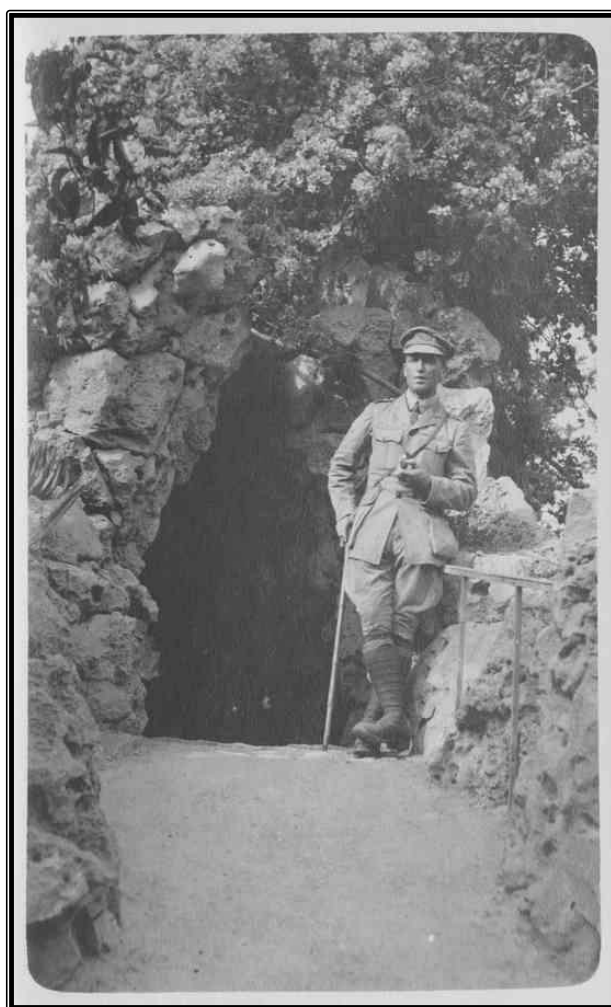
Charles had a camera with him for at least the first six months of his service overseas and his collection of photographs taken in Egypt, at Gallipoli and on Lemnos are now held by the State Library of South Australia (see <https://collections.slsa.sa.gov.au/resource/PRG+546/1-61>). Some of the photographs are below.



Men bathing, A.I.F. in canal, Egypt

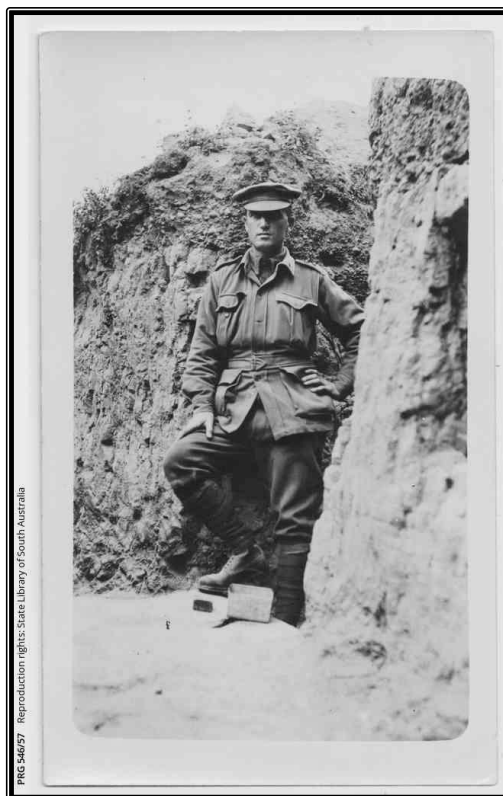


Sphinx, Egypt



Lt. C.W. Hooper (10th Inf.), Cairo Zoo, Egypt

He was in command of the 6th Reinforcements that joined the Battalion on Gallipoli on 4th August 1915. Charles fought at Gallipoli until he was evacuated in late 1915.



Lt. C.W. Hooper, Gallipoli



Lt Charles William Hooper - Right

***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.***

Officers on Lemnos who were in 10th Battalion (taken on 1st December 1915)



CW Hooper – Back Row – Fifth from Left

Standing: Padre, McCann, Minnagall, Mageniz, Hooper, Henwood, Armitage, Coffey, Hamilton, Loutit, Fowler, Moule, Leane, Doc.

Sitting: Giles, Jacob, Beevor, Lorenzo, Redburg, Shaw.

Lying: Campbell, Churchill Smith, Blackburn, Clarke, Wilton, Inglis, Harneman.

Officers, "B" Coy. 10th Inf, Lemnos (taken on 2 December 1915)



Standing: Henwood, Jacob, Hooper.

Sitting: Coffey, Campbell

Henwood, Hooper and Magenis (taken on 3 December 1915)



Henwood, Hooper, Magenis

By 1st December 1915 Charles was on Lenmos, a Greek Island in the Aegean Sea. From there he returned to Egypt. He was promoted to Captain on 12th March 1916 at Serapeum, Egypt. On the 27th March 1916 he was on a transport ship from Alexandrina, Egypt and he disembarked on the 3rd April 1916 at Marseilles, France. He then fought on the Somme.

Death

Charles was killed in action on 25th July 1917 at the Battle of 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.

The Journal (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1923)

12 August 1916

<<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article200883858>>

HOOPER.—In France, Capt. C. W. Hooper, beloved husband of Muriel Hooper, and second son of G. and E. Hooper, Queen street, Norwood.

The Kadina and Wallaroo Times (SA : 1888 - 1954) 12 August 1916

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article109188777>

FOR KING AND COUNTRY.—We regret to state that Captain Chas. W. Hooper has fallen in action in the service of his King and Country. He was only 32 years of age, and had a promising career before him when he left the service of the Wallaroo and Moonta Mining and Smelting Co. to enlist. While at Wallaroo he had charge of the local militia, and was a great favorite with the cadets. Just prior to his enlistment he was instrumental in forming the Military Club. Capt. Hooper saw service in Egypt, at Gallipoli, and in France. On Friday the flags at Wallaroo were at half-mast out of respect to the late soldier, and general regret is felt in the town at his untimely demise. Capt Hooper leaves a widow and one son.

"THE AUSTRALIANS."

The Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929) 11 August 1916

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article60608023>

BIOGRAPHICAL.

LATE CAPT. C. W. HOOPER.

Capt. Charles W. Hooper, whose death is announced, was the second son of Mr. John Hooper, of Queen street, Norwood. He was born at Gumeracha in 1884. He was educated at Prince Alfred College, and graduated at the Adelaide University, taking the degrees of B.A. and B.Sc. He



THE LATE CAPT. CHARLES W. HOOPER.

had recently lived at Wallaroo, where he was engaged in the assay office of the Wallaroo Smelting Company. He had been on active service since June, 1915, at Gallipoli, Egypt, and France. Capt. Hooper leaves a widow and one son.



CAPTAIN C. W. HOOPER.

Chas. W. Hooper entered the school in 1898 as the holder of a Government exhibition. After a creditable course at school, he won a University scholarship, which enabled him to proceed to the Bachelor of Science degree. When war broke out he was engaged in the assay office of the Wallaroo Smelting Company. His strong sense of duty impelled him to break up his home, and to leave his little son, at his country's call. He left our shores as Lieutenant in command of reinforcements to the 10th Battalion, with Lieut. Murray Fowler as second in command, and has been on active service since June, 1915, in Gallipoli, Egypt, and France. He was promoted to Captain, and has recently been killed in action in France. We cherish his memory as a soldier whom the school honours for his devoted, courageous service and sacrifice on her behalf.

Charles was survived by his widow Muriel and their two year old son Peter. He left an estate valued at £983. His personal effects were returned to Australia onboard the 'Wiltshire'.

DM/EB.

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

Wiltshire

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

Date Despatched 2/11/16.

Contents of Leather Trunk., Kit Bag & Suit Case.

<u>Leather Trunk Ctg:-</u>	<u>Suit Case Ctg:-</u>
1 Cigar Case	1 Tunic
1 Treasury of Devotion,	Postcards
2 Tobacco Pouches	1 Towel
Letters	Leggings
1 Pr. White Gloves	1 Rainproof Cont.
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.	

Forwarded per "Wiltshire"

to:-
Mrs. M. Hooper,
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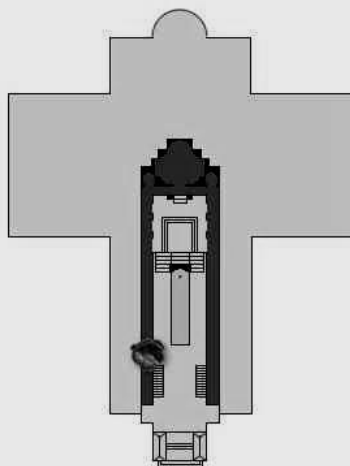
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Villers-Bretonneux Memorial, France



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	EASTHER G.M.M.
	GOODYEAR H.

Charles William Hooper's name is located at panel 59 in the Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial (as indicated by the poppy on the plan).



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



Legacy

Peter Laurence Hooper attended Prince Alfred College and then the University of Adelaide. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in 1934. In 1935 he gained First Class Honours in Chemistry. Muriel and Peter moved to Melbourne in early 1936 and were residing at Chevron, St Kilda Road.

Peter became a chemist and later a manager. He married Miss Margaret Deravin in March 1938. Muriel passed away in Melbourne, Victoria in 1948. Peter passed away in Melbourne, Victoria in 1989.

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