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Hugh Strang Sharpe Reg. No: 2400

Hugh was one of the four Sharpe brothers who enlisted in the army, three of whom died during the conflict.

Hugh enlisted on 24th August 1914 at Galashiels at the age of 22 years and 10 months, his occupation was that of gardener. He was posted to the 10th Battalion, Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders on 25th August 1914 and promoted to unpaid Lance Corporal on 26th December 1914. Not long after this he was promoted to the paid rank of Lance Corporal on 25 March 1915. Soon Hugh was off to France as he was posted to France on 11th May 1915. His service record shows that Hugh's character was Very Good.

Hugh's medical record shows that he was 5 foot 7 inches tall and had a chest when fully expanded, measured 35 ½ inches and had an expansion of 3 inches. His weight was 144 pounds.



Argyle and Sutherland
Highlanders
Cap Badge

According to records dated 26th May 1919, Hugh's siblings were as follows: George Sharpe (35 years), residing at Ochil View, Blairlogie; Charles Sharpe (16 years), New Orchard, Blairlogie and John Sharpe (25 years), address illegible. His sisters were: Helen Sharpe (34 years), Bridge Street, Dunkeld; Agnes Sharpe (No age given), New Orchard, Blairlogie.



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Hugh Strang Sharpe's Bronze
Memorial Plaque

Hugh's serviced consisted of 260 days in Britain followed by 138 days in France, giving a total of 1 year 33 days service.

On 6th October 1915, Hugh's Commanding Officer reported Hugh as "Missing in the Field" as from 27th September 1915. The records indicate that "*In accordance with the decision of the Army Council this soldier is to be regarded for official purposes as having died on or since 25th September 1915*".

On 1st September 1919, Mr. J Sharpe who was residing at New Orchard, Blairlogie, received the scroll commemorating the death of Hugh. On 15th June 1921 Hugh's father, John Sharpe received his

British War Medal and Victory medal, which he had to sign for. The family had to wait until the 25th November 1920 to receive Hugh's 1914/15 Star.

Blairlogie Archives now hold Hugh and the other brothers' war medals and letters which can be inspected by appointment.

Historical Information



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Loos Memorial

Dud Corner Cemetery stands almost on the site of a German strong point, the Lens Road Redoubt, captured by the 15th (Scottish) Division on the first day of the battle.

The name "Dud Corner" is believed to be due to the large number of unexploded enemy shells found in the neighbourhood after the Armistice.

The Loos Memorial commemorates over 20,000 officers and men who have no known grave, who fell in the area from the River Lys to the old southern boundary of the First Army, east and west of Grenay. On either

side of the cemetery is a wall 15 feet high, to which are fixed tablets on which are carved the names of those commemorated. At the back are four small circular courts, open to the sky, in which the lines of tablets are continued, and between these courts are three semicircular walls or apses, two of which carry tablets on the centre apse is erected the Cross of Sacrifice.

The memorial was designed by Sir Herbert Baker with sculpture by Charles Wheeler. It was unveiled by Sir Nevil Macready on 4 August 1930.

Hugh's letter of 17th August 1915 ~ telling his brother not to join Infantry ~ ASC would be better.

Hugh's letter of 30th August 1915.