

# **Durrington**

## **Roll of Honour**



*Lest we Forget*

### **World War I**



**22680 PRIVATE**

**J. F. HOPPE**

**DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S (WILTSHIRE REGIMENT)**

**2ND JUNE, 1918 AGE 23**

## **James Frederick HOPPE**

James Frederick Hoppe was born at Merrow, Surrey to parents James & Eliza Hoppe (nee Webber). James's birth was registered in the district of Guildford, Surrey in the June quarter of 1896.

The 1901 Census records James Hoppe as a 5 year old, living with his family at Elm Road, Chelsfield, Kent. His parents were recorded as James Hoppe (Coachman/Groom, aged 31, born Peckham, London) & Eliza Hoppe (Laundress (Own Account), aged 31, born Guildford, Surrey). James was the eldest of 4 children in this Census – Albert G. (aged 3, born Chelsfield, Kent), Ralph (aged 2, born Chelsfield, Kent) & Charles J. (aged 1, born Chelsfield, Kent). Also listed were Hellen Pudvine (Relative, aged 25, Laundress) & Hellen M. Pudvine (Aged 6 months).

The 1911 Census records James Hoppe as a 14 year old living with his family at the Stables of Cranmore Place, Walden Road, Chislehurst, Kent (an 8 roomed dwelling). His parents were listed as James Hoppe (Stud Groom, aged 41) & Eliza Hoppe (aged 41). James' parents had been married for 16 years with 9 children – all living. James was listed as the eldest of the 9 children – Albert (aged 13), Ralph (aged 12), Charles (aged 10), Dorothy (aged 9), Alfred (aged 8), Louisa (aged 6), Victor (aged 5) & Catherine (aged 2). Also listed were William Alder (Groom, aged 21) & Neil Ellingham (Chauffeur, aged 27).

James Frederick Hoppe enlisted at Salisbury with the Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire Regiment). He was given the rank of Private & a service number of 22680. Private Hoppe's records show that at the time of his death he was attached to 1st Battalion, Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire Regiment).

Pte James Frederick Hoppe died of wounds on 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 1918, aged 23 years.

Pte James Frederick Hoppe is "buried" in Sissonne British Cemetery, France - La Malmaison Memorial 2. It is believed that Pte Hoppe is one of four headstones that have been erected to the side of the cemetery – these four headstones have a special Memorial as their graves could not be located in their respective cemeteries when they were relocated after the Armistice. Pte Hoppe & two others could not be located in La Malmaison German Cemetery & one grave from Chateau-Porcien Communal Cemetery when the graves were relocated after the Armistice. Recorded on the Special Memorial to the four United Kingdom soldiers – "To The Memory Of These Four Soldiers Of The British Empire who died in 1918 as Prisoners of War and were buried at the time in La Malmaison German Cemetery And In Chateau – Porcien Communal Cemetery But Whose Graves Are Now Lost – Their Glory Shall Not Be Blotted Out". Pte Hoppe's death is acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. The CWGC lists James Frederick Hoppe as the son of James & Elizabeth Hoppe of Hawthorn, Durrington, Salisbury.

Pte James Frederick Hoppe was entitled to the British War & Victory Medals. His Medal Index Card does not show when he had entered a Theatre of War.

J. Hoppe is remembered as a Casualty of WW1 in the Diocese of Salisbury Memorial Book for Durrington.

## Sissone British Cemetery, Aisne, France

The village of Sissonne was in German hands during almost the whole of World War 1 from 1914 - 1918. The British Cemetery was made after the Armistice by the concentration of graves from the nearby Chemin-des-Dames battlefield and from around 17 smaller burial grounds and German military cemeteries.

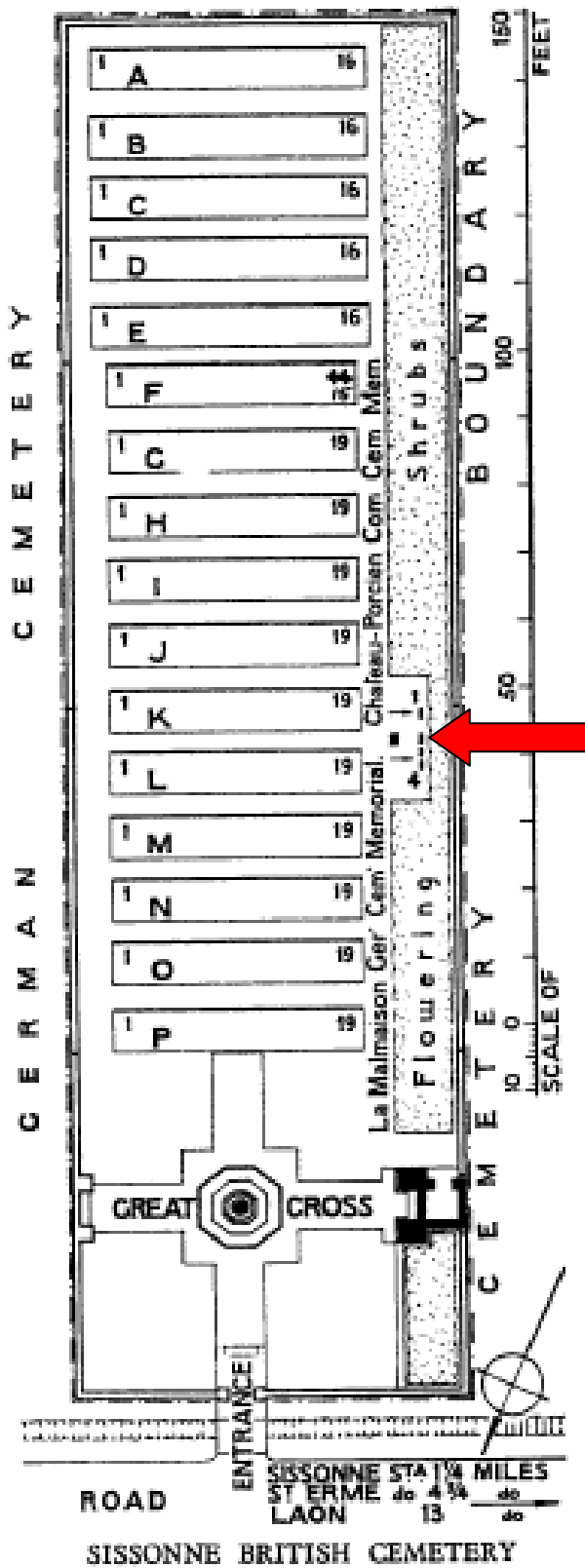
There are now 291 Commonwealth burials of World War 1 in this site. Of these, 127 are unidentified and special memorials are erected to four United Kingdom soldiers, buried in La Malmaison German Cemetery and Chateau-Porcien Communal Cemetery, whose graves could not be found. A few of those buried in this cemetery fell in 1914, but the great majority died in 1918. The cemetery is enclosed by a rubble wall.



(Photograph courtesy of [In Memory](#) by Pierre Vandervelden)



(Photo from CWGC)



← Showing Memorial 2 - La Malmaison quite probably Pte James Frederick Hoppe's Headstone



Pte James Hoppe is also remembered on the Durrington War Memorial, Wiltshire.



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