

Sutton Veny

Roll of Honour



Lest we Forget

World War I



J/63991 ORDINARY SEAMAN

H. H. HOOKER

ROYAL NAVY

H.M.S. Victory

8TH MARCH, 1917 AGE 19

Herbert Harold Hooker

Herbert Harold Hooker was born at Stratford, Essex on 13th August, 1897 to parents Leonard Spencer Hooker & Fanny Hooker (nee Axford). His birth was registered in the district of West Ham, Essex in the September quarter of 1897. Herbert's parents had married in 1889 in Warminster Register Office, Wiltshire.

The 1901 England Census recorded Herbert H. Hooker as a 3 year old living with his parents & brother at 35 Louise Road, Stratford, West Ham, Essex, in a 3 roomed dwelling. His parents were recorded as Leonard Spencer Hooker (Railway ____ Fitter, aged 39, born Maiden Bradley, Wilts) & Fanny Hooker (aged 37, born Sutton Veny). Herbert's older brother was listed as Leonard S. Hooker (aged 8, born Stratford, Essex).

The 1911 England Census recorded Herbert Harold Hooker as a 13 year old living with his parents & brother at Rose Cottage, Sutton Veny, which was a 5 roomed dwelling. His parents were recorded as Leonard Spencer Hooker (Laundryman- own account, aged 49, born Maiden Bradley, Wilts) & Fanny Hooker (Laundress, aged 47, born Sutton Veny). Herbert's parents had been married for 21 years & had a total of 2 children only. Herbert's older brother was Leonard Spencer Hooker (Compositor's Apprentice, aged 18, born Stratford, Essex).

Herbert Harold Hooker enlisted with the Royal Navy. His date of engagement started on 21st December, 1916. He was given the service number of J/ 63991 & a rating of Ordinary Seaman. According to Naval records his occupation previously was listed as Postman. He was attached to *Victory I* – which was a Shore Based Training Establishment at Portsmouth. Royal Naval Shore Establishments usually carried the name of a vessel. *Victory* or HMS *Victory* – referred to Depot at Portsmouth Barracks. (as examples – *Excellent* – referred to the Gunnery School at Portsmouth; *Vernon* – referred to Torpedo School at Portsmouth; *Daedalus* – referred to R.N. Air Service at Lee-on-Solent)

Ordinary Seaman Herbert Harold Hooker died in Haslar Hospital of Measles & Broncho Pneumonia on 8th March, 1917, aged 19 years.

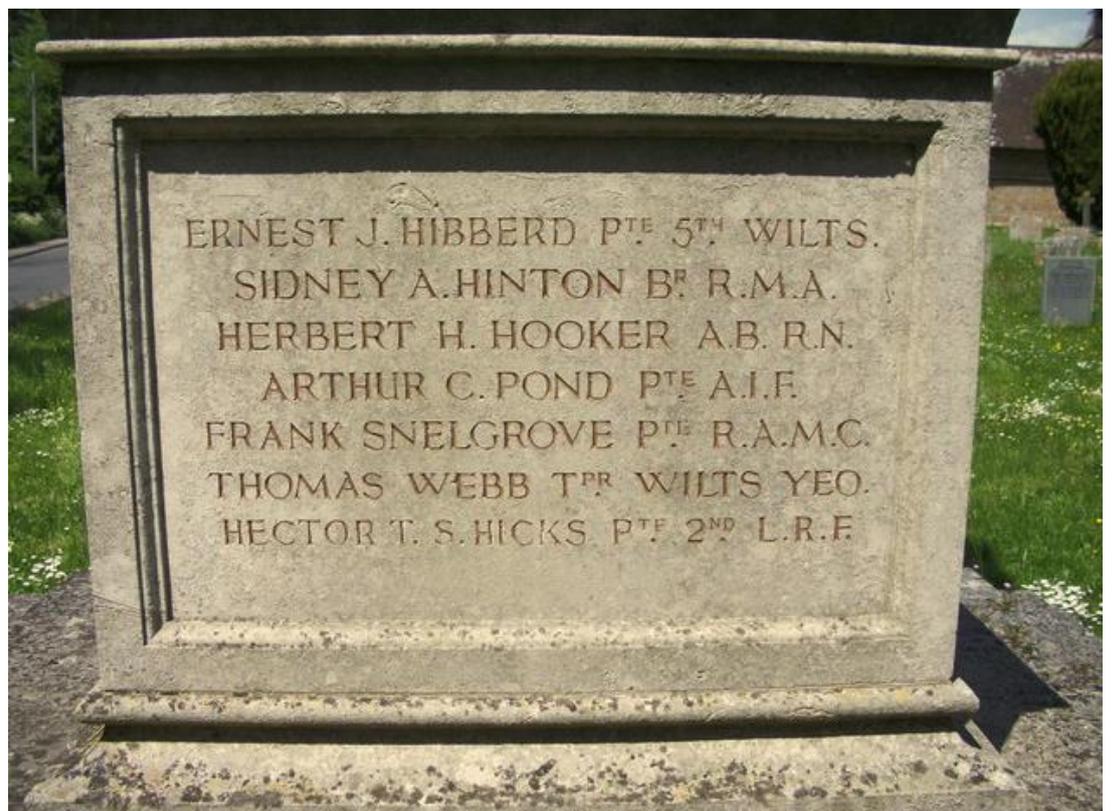


The Royal Naval Hospital Haslar in Gosport, Hampshire, England

Herbert H. Hooker is also remembered on the Sutton Veny War Memorial located in the foreground of St. John the Evangelist churchyard.



Sutton Veny War Memorial (Photos courtesy of Andrea Charlesworth)



Halsar Royal Naval Cemetery, Hampshire

During both wars, Gosport was a significant sea port and Naval depot, with many government factories and installations based there, as well as the Haslar Naval Hospital. No 5 Squadron Royal Flying Corps were based at Gosport just before the outbreak of the First World War and during the Second World War the town acted as base to No 17 Group Royal Air Force and the Royal Navy Light Coastal Forces.

Haslar Royal Naval Cemetery, which was attached to the Naval Hospital of 2,000 beds, contains 772 First World War graves, 2 of which are unidentified. Most are scattered throughout the cemetery..

The Second World War graves number 611, 36 of them unidentified. A number of the graves are scattered throughout the cemetery, but the majority lie together in one or other of five groups, the largest of which contains more than 350 burials, the smallest 25.

There are also 10 Foreign National war burials and 9 non world war service burials here. *(Information & photos from CWGC)*



Haslar Royal Naval Cemetery has many graves which are marked by 'Admiralty Crosses' as they are known. These are headstones provided by the Admiralty after the war. The Admiralty was the authority responsible for the command of the Royal Navy until 1964.



(Photo with thanks to Pete Payne 2015)

Ordinary Seaman Herbert Harold Hooker's Admiralty Cross Headstone located in Haslar Royal Naval Cemetery.



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The Chapel at Haslar Royal Naval Cemetery (Photo with thanks to Pete Payne 2015)

