

Serjeant George Austen Burt

Devonshire regiment

8th battalion (service)

Serjeant George Austen Burt | War Casualty Details 728963

<https://www.cwgc.org> › find-war-dead › casualty

8th Bn. Date of Death. Died 25 September 1915. Buried or commemorated at. LOOS MEMORIAL. Panel 35 to 37.

Armstrong 10437 LOOS Memorial Panel 35 to 37

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(Transferred to 20th Brigade of the 7th Division)

A26 40 mile SE from Calais on the D943

1 mile NW of Lens

Dud Corner Cemetery

LOOS Memorial

Rte de Béthune, 62750 Loos-en-Gohelle, France

Dud Corner So called because of all the unexploded or dud shells found in the vicinity after the armistice

Panel 35 to 37.

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Dud+Corner+Cemetery/@50.4605156,2.7712981,3a,75y,34.85h,60.5t/data=!3m8!1e1!3m6!1sAF1QipMUZitJXEt1xNDCUtg6GF3y2tmKS4fLZGzncQq2!2e10!3e11!6shhttps:%2F%2FIh5.googleusercontent.com%2Fp%2FAF1QipMUZitJXEt1xNDCUtg6GF3y2tmKS4fLZGzncQq2%3Dw203-h100-k-no-pi-7.892956-ya279.56146-ro-2.5243702-fo100!7i5376!8i2688!4m7!3m6!1s0x47dd3abe2e3540cf:0xe8b3c7c925b8353e18m2!3d50.4605156!4d2.7712981!14m1!1BCglgARICCAI?hl=en-US>

<https://www.ww1cemeteries.com/loos-memorial.html>

Rank:

Serjeant

Service No:

10437

Date of Death:

25/09/1915. (25th - 29th Sep 1915)

Regiment/Service:

Devonshire Regiment

8th Bn.

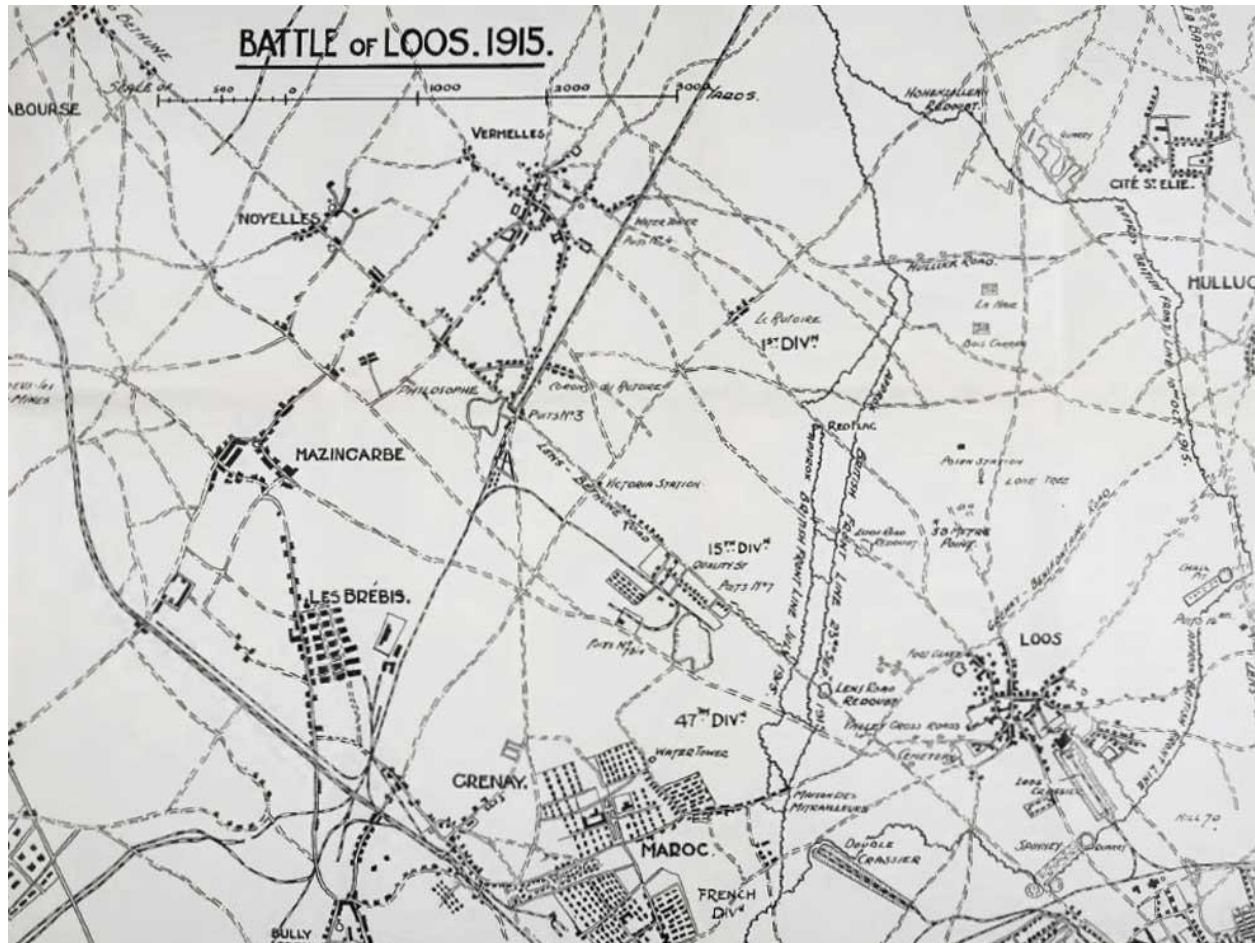
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Memorial:

LOOS MEMORIAL

Loos



Would have fought alongside
Pte Veale 10799 VC

Yes spent an evening researching Great Uncle George's last hours

He would have been killed 25th (to 29th) September 1915 known as The Big Push about a mile North West of LOOS along with around 21,000 other British mostly with no known marked grave Google <footage battle of loos video> eg <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sc-FxLKdpf0> and you will get a pretty good idea of how he died
He would have fought alongside Pte Veale 10799 VC at LOOS with similar army number 10437 - might even be in the photo attached
God rest his soul he would have fought valiantly probably mowed down by machine gun fire outside LOOS I have a feeling or artillery fire
Brave men indeed

Additional Information:

Brother of Mrs. Ellen Maud Armstrong, of 15, Moorland View, Plympton, Devon.

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Typical short service obituaries of the time (not Uncle George's)

HARRIS, GEORGE HENRY, Private, No. 290543, 8th (Service) Battn. The Devonshire Regt., s. of Richard Henry Harris, of 22, Winner Street, Paignton, co. Devon, by his wife, Eliza Harriett; and brother to Private Richard Henry Harris (*q.v.*); b. Berry Pomeroy, near Totnes, co. Devon, 25 Nov. 1894; educ. the Roman Catholic School, Paignton; was employed at the American Women's War Hospital, Paignton, as a Stretcher-bearer; enlisted 4 Sept. 1915; served with the Expeditionary Force in France and Flanders from 20 Aug. 1917, and died at No. 41 Casualty Clearing Station 7 Oct. following, from wounds received in action at Lens on the 4th of that month; *unm.*

BROWN, C. H., Lce.-Cpl., 8th Devonshire Regt.

He joined in June, 1915, and during his service on the Western Front took part in many battles, including Loos, Arras, Ypres, Festubert, Givenchy and the Somme. He was wounded twice.

He holds the 1915 Star, General Service and Victory Medal.  
13, Welford Terrace, Fulham.

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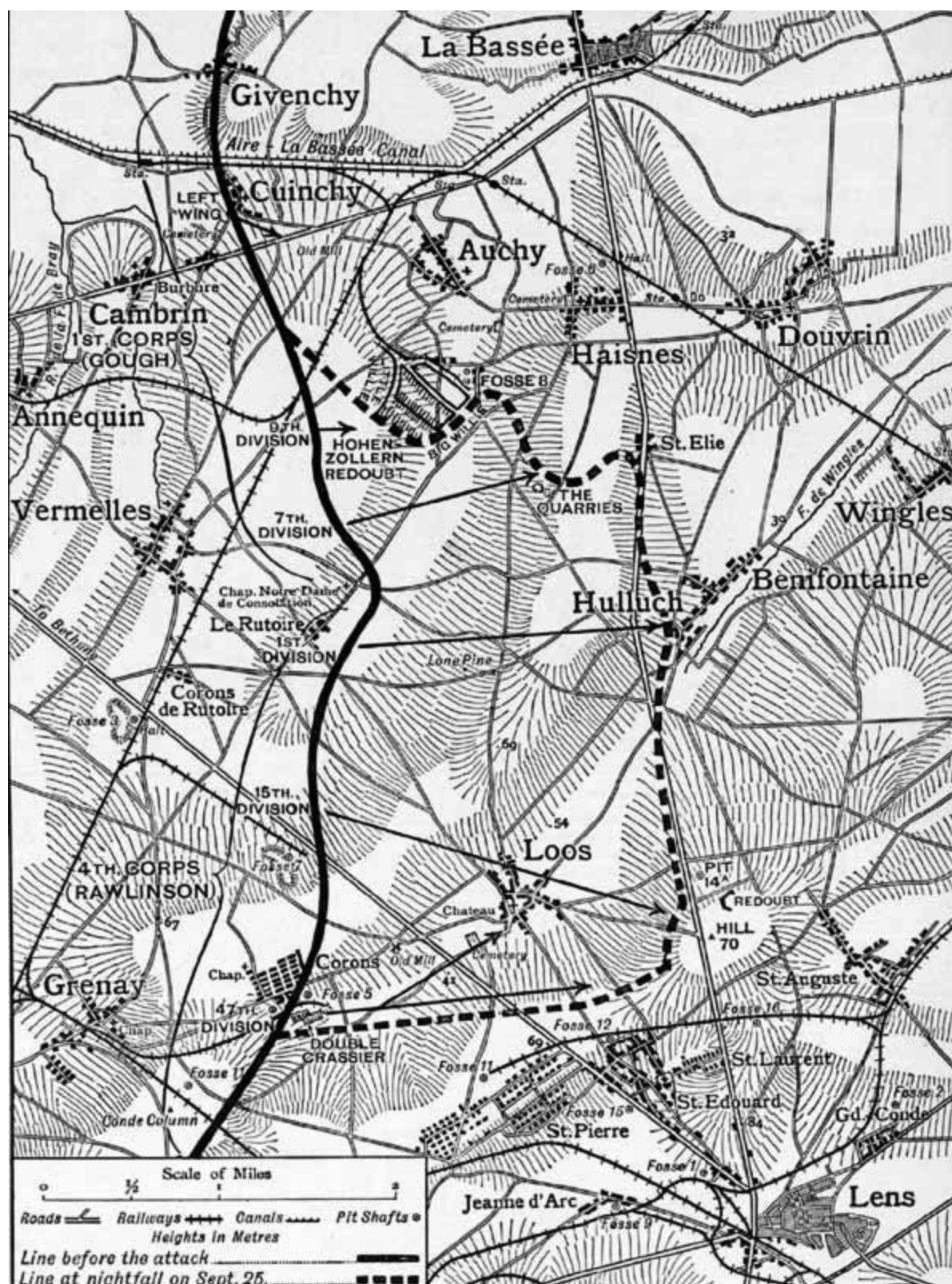
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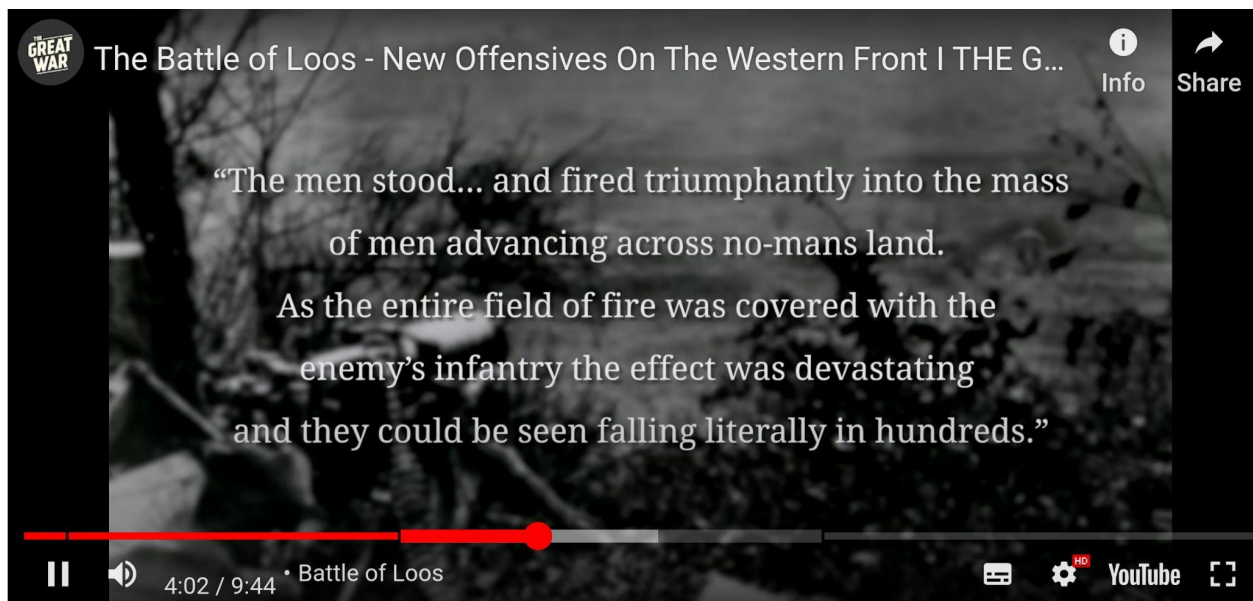
19.08.1914 Formed at Exeter as part of the First New Army (K1) and then moved to Rushmoor Camp, Aldershot as part of the 14th Division.

Nov 1914 Moved to Barossa Barracks, Aldershot and then Farnham, and back to Aldershot.

26.07.1915 Mobilised for war and landed at Havre and transferred to the 20th Brigade of the 7th Division which engaged in various actions on the Western Front including;

The Battle of Loos 1915 where he was killed





The Battle of Loos

25 September – 15 October 1915: the Battle of Loos. The first genuinely large scale British offensive action but once again only in a supporting role to a larger French attack in the Third Battle of Artois. British appeals that the ground over which they were being called upon to advance was wholly unsuitable were rejected. The battle is historically noteworthy for the first British use of poison gas.

Summary

Compared with the small-scale British efforts of spring 1915, this attack of six Divisions was a mighty offensive indeed – so much so that it was referred to at the time as ‘The Big Push’. Taking place on ground not of their choosing and before stocks of ammunition and heavy

artillery were sufficient, the opening of the battle was noteworthy for the first use of poison gas by the British Army. Despite heavy casualties, there was considerable success on the first day in breaking into the deep enemy positions near Loos and Hulluch. But the reserves had been held too far from the battle front to be able to exploit the successes and succeeding days bogged down into attritional warfare for minor gains.

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3248014/amp/The-bravest-footballers-world-known-Soldiers-passed-ball-advanced-German-line-Battle-Loos-remembered-100-years-on.html>

Google <footage battle of loos video>