

In Memory Of

**JOSEPH HOPKINS**

Driver 67909  
37<sup>th</sup> Div., Signal Coy., Royal Engineers  
who died on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> March 1918. Age 21



**Born** Manchester **Enlisted** Hyde, Cheshire **Residence**

**Died How** Killed in action **Theatre of War** France & Flanders

**Additional Inf.** FORMERLY 21512, GRENADIER GUARDS. Native of Blackley, Manchester. Son of Joseph and Ellen Hopkins, of 3, Rochfort Street, Hyde, Cheshire.

**Commemorative Information**

**Cemetery:** LA CLYTTE MILITARY CEMETERY, Heuvelland, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium  
**Grave Reference/  
Panel Number:** IV. A. 12.

**Location:** La Clytte Military Cemetery is located 8 Km west of Ieper town centre on the N304. Klijtseweg, a road leading from the N375 Dikkebusseweg, connecting Ieper to Dikkebus, Klijte and on to Loker. From Ieper town centre the Dikkebusseweg (N375) is located via Elverdingsestraat, straight over a roundabout onto J. Capronstraat (for 30 metres), then left along M. Fochlaan. Immediately after the train station, the first right hand turning is the Dikkebusseweg. 7 Km along the Dikkebusseweg lies the village of Klijte and the right hand turning at the roundabout just before the village leads onto the N304 Klijtseweg. The cemetery lies 100 metres after this right hand turning on the left hand side of the road.

**Historical Information:** The first burial in the cemetery took place on the 1st November, 1914, and between that date and April, 1918, Plots I, II and III and part of Plot IV were filled. The hamlet was used as Brigade Headquarters, and the burials were carried out by Infantry, Artillery and Engineer units. After the Armistice Plot IV was completed, and Plots V and VI formed by the concentration of isolated graves and small graveyards from the area round Reninghelst, Dickebusch, Locre and Kemmel. There are now over 1,000, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, over one-fifth are unidentified and one of the graves from Leicester Camp Cemetery (a group of 17 graves on the road to Reninghelst) is marked with the names of two men between whom the identification rests. In some instances memorials have been erected to soldiers whose actual graves cannot be traced, though they are known to be in the cemetery. The cemetery covers an area of 4,451 square metres and is enclosed by a low wall.