

Peter HOOTON

14426891, Lance Corporal, Oxford & Bucks Light Infantry
died Friday 3rd November 1944, aged 19.

Memorial Book text:

*Home address was 53
Wellinborough Road, Olney.*

*1943 – D Company, 1st Bn.
Oxford & Bucks. Light
Infantry, Faversham, Kent.*

*1944 – Same unit. British
Liberation Army. “Reported
killed”.*

*Killed on 3 November 1944 at
the age of 19 – information
from the Commonwealth War
Graves Commission – Interred
in the Leopoldsburg War
Cemetery, in Belgium (B333)
plot 3 Row E Grave 50.*

*Son of Mr John & Mrs Ellen
Hooton, of Olney. One of three
brothers serving in HM
Forces.*

*Photo supplied by (sister) Mrs
Mabel Howson, c/o Bay
House, Olney.*



CWWG information:

14426891, Lance Corporal, 1st Bn.,
Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry.
Son of John Henry and Ellen Hooton, of
Olney.

Buried in Leopoldsburg War Cemetery
(Grave 111.E.10), Germany.

Historical Background:

from Wikipedia:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oxfordshire_and_Buckinghamshire_Light_Infantry]

“On 17 September the invasion of the Netherlands began, known as Operation ‘Market Garden’ in a combined land and airborne operation. The Battalion took part in the ground operation in support of the airborne corridor to Arnhem. The 1st Ox & Bucks led the advance of 71st Infantry Brigade to the Wilhelmina canal where they encountered heavy enemy resistance. The ground operation was intended to cross through three bridges taken by airborne troops and into Germany, that would end at the furthest captured bridge at Arnhem - taken by 1st Airborne - though the operation ended in failure by 25 September. The 1st Ox & Bucks subsequently took part in operations around the Lower Maas that took place during October and November including forcing the enemy from its position holding a bridgehead over the River Maas, west of Roermond.”



*headstone in Leopoldsburg
Cemetery, Belgium
(photographs supplied by The
War Graves Photographic Project)*

