

Lieutenant Basil Perrin Hicks (1893 – 25 September 1915)



Basil Perrin Hicks was born in Sheffield, Yorkshire, to Ellen and William Hicks. He was educated at Rugby School before studying at Trinity College, Cambridge. By 1915, he had joined the 8th Battalion, Royal Berkshire Regiment.

The unit first saw action later that year in France at the Battle of Loos, the largest British attack of 1915 and one that despite some territorial gains, failed to break the stalemate on the western front. Within a matter of weeks, the battalion was almost wiped out. Basil was killed in action on the first day of the battle and buried on the battlefield. His commanding officer said the regiment had "lost, not only a charming companion, but a very clever and most promising officer", worshipped by those under him.

His remains were later moved to Dud Corner Military Cemetery, Loos, while other memorials include an inscription at St John's Church, Ranmoor, Sheffield and a memorial lectureship fund for the city's university endowed by his father, to deal with aspects of the Great War. The most recent was given by in 2015 by Professor Sir Ian Kershaw.

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11am-2pm Portrait of Lieutenant Basil Perrin Hicks created in the sand by Project Ambassadors. The tide will wash away the portrait from approx 4pm.

11.30am-3.30pm Create your own silhouettes of individuals in the sand.

10am-4pm War Memorial Exhibition in The Meridale Centre (10th, 11th, 12th)
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