

In Memory of
Private GEORGE GLADSTONE BURGE
201969, 2nd/4th Bn., Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry
Born and resided in Faringdon,
Who died, age 31, on 29 June 1916
Remembered with honour
Faringdon War Memorial and
LOOS MEMORIAL



Commemorated in perpetuity by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Loos-en-Gohelle is a village 5 km north-west of Lens, and Dud Corner Cemetery is located about 1 km west of the village, to the north-east of the N43 the main Lens to Bethune road.

Dud Corner Cemetery stands almost on the site of a German strong point, the Lens Road Redoubt, captured by the 15th (Scottish) Division on the first day of the battle.

The name "Dud Corner" is believed to be due to the large number of unexploded enemy shells found in the neighbourhood after the Armistice.

The Loos Memorial forms the sides and back of Dud Corner Cemetery, and commemorates over 20,000 officers and men who have no known grave, who fell in the area from the River Lys to the old southern boundary of the First Army, east and west of Grenay. On either side of the cemetery is a wall 15 feet high, to which are fixed tablets on which are carved the names of those commemorated. At the back are four small circular courts, open to the sky, in which the lines of tablets are continued, and between these courts are three semicircular walls or apses, two of which carry tablets, while on the centre apse is erected the Cross of Sacrifice.

The memorial was designed by Sir Herbert Baker with sculpture by Charles Wheeler. It was unveiled by Sir Nevil Macready on 4 August 1930.

George was born in 1885/6 and was the son of Thomas Burge (from Langford), a widower, who was a harness maker and sack contractor in Faringdon. George had seven brothers and sisters, who were (in 1891), John H. aged 25 also a saddle maker, Alice M. 19, William 18, Harry C.B. 15, Fred E. 13, Henrietta 12 and Agnes 7. George was the youngest (aged 6 in 1891).