

**John Baxter - Private 18269**  
**Age 19**

**1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment**

Killed in action 4<sup>th</sup> October 1917, at the Battle of Polygon Wood during the  
Third Battle of Ypres

**Buried** - Hooge Crater Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium, Panel 11 Bay L.  
Grave 10

**Commemorated** - Lincolnshire Regiment Great War Roll of Honour, and on  
Harthill War Memorial

Birthplace Whitwell Common, Derbyshire, lived in Harthill at the time of his enlistment.

*Burials at Hooge Crater Cemetery started in October 1917. It originally contained 76 graves, in Rows A to D of Plot I, but this was greatly increased after the Armistice when graves were brought in from other nearby battlefields. There are now 5,916 Commonwealth servicemen of the First World War buried or commemorated in this cemetery. 3,570 of the burials are unidentified, but special memorials record the names of a number of casualties either known or believed to be buried among them, or whose graves in other cemeteries were destroyed by shell-fire.*