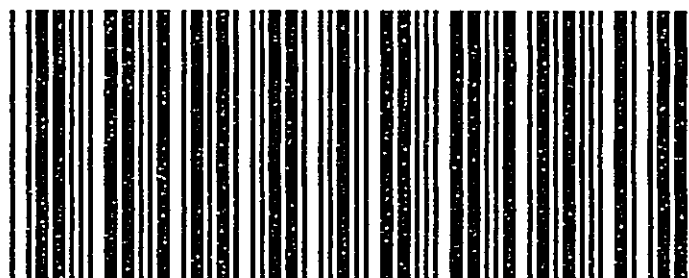


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671 Private  
Frank Hilton Dewar

44th Battalion



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DEAR, F.H. 671.

K. June 8th 1917. Dets. D/B.

Dewar - initial F.H. - was in XVI but was transferred to my platoon XV. I was working alongside of him at Messines on June 8th digging a front line trench about 11 a.m. a shell killed him and two others and wounded five more. I knew that the three were buried just outside the trench, though I did not see them buried myself.

Inf: Pte. V.G. Woods. 1914. D.XV.  
55 Gen. Hosp.  
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20th Oct. 1917.

44th AUSTRALIANS

DEWAR, F.H. 671

K. 8.6.17. Det. D/B.

He was in D Co., and came from Western Australia (Gingen). He was a married man and was a farmer. He was blown up by a shell in our front line at Messines and he was buried on at the same spot where he was killed. I do not know if his grave was marked.

Informant: Pte. R.J. Troy, 2428  
44th Australians, D Co.,  
No. 1 Amb. Train, Havre.

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44th A.I.F.

Dewar. F.H. 671.  
D Coy.

K. 8.6.17. Det D/B

"Dewar was buried by a shell with two other men whilst digging in after the capture of Messines on June 7th. I saw his body after he was dug out, it was not much damaged but most likely he died instantly from concussion as it was a large shell. He was buried just behind the line known as "Green Line" and a cross was erected with his name on it."

Eye-witness: See above.

Description:

Informant: C.S.M. J.Allan, 700.,  
44 A.I.F. D.Coy.,  
Beaufort Hospital,  
Bristol.

Home address: Perth, Freerantle Road,  
Cottleslowe Beach, West Australia

20/10/17.  
F. Gardiner.

44th Batt; A.I.F.

Dewar. Pte. F.E. 671.

(K. June 8/17)  
Det D/B.

"Dewar was killed at Messines by a shell. The same shell killed 3 others and wounded 5. They were buried altogether just out of the trench. I was close by."

Eye-witness: Yes.

Description:

Informant: Pte. V.G. Woods. 1924.  
44th Batt; A.I.F.  
Duston War Hospital. Northampton.

Home address: None in England. Ward 5. Duston -

22.10.17.  
Gertrude MacKinnell.

*See also report by ...*

Bayre

24th Oct. 1917.

44th AUSTRALIANS

DEWAR, F.H. 671

K. 8.6.17. Det. D/B.

I know Pte. Frank H. Dewar of D Co., 16th Pltn. His number was about as stated. He was an original man and I knew him well. I saw him killed instantly in the front line trench Messines, on the 8th June. 1917 by a shell, and helped to bury him in the trench. There is nothing to mark the spot. He held the ground.

Informant: Pte. M.A.J. Johnstone, 5731  
44th Australians, D Co., 16th Pltn.,  
Australian Camp, Bouelles.

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