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Lieutenant
Arthur Clarence
Brewster

23rd Battalion



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23rd A. I. F. Brewster, Lt A.C.

(K. Oct. 4th/17. Det D & B)

"I know that Lieut Brewster (formerly B. Coy, trans. to another Coy) was buried. I was at Headquarters, and some Bn. Pioneers were sent from there to bury him near Anzac House, Zonnebeke. I believe he was killed by shell fire, while in Reserves about Oct. 4th".

Eye-witness: No, heard it at H.Q.

Description: No particulars

Informant: Pte John Hillman, 5782,
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15th Dec. 1917.
Hilda M. Pickard Cambridge.

A.I.F. 23. BREWSTER Lt.A.C.

K. 4.10.17.

I did not see Lt. Brewster killed. It was near Anzac House, Zonnebeke. Pte. Tom McGuinness told me that a shell came near a dug-out where he and Lt. Brewster (with Lts. Ethel and Gordon) were in reserve. Lt. Brewster was killed instantaneously, also Lt. Ethel, and Lt. Gordon was wounded. McInnes was Lt.Gordon's servant and dug him out. McInnes is now with the Bn. and Lt. Gordon in hospital in Blighty. The Bn. would know the map position of the grave.(Lt. Brewster's)

FJ.

Reference: Lt.W.J. Clayden. A.Co.
L.G. School.

Staples.
13.12.17.

Arthur McGuinness
31-12-17

Havre 14th Dec. 1917.

23rd AUSTRALIANS BREWSTER, Lt. A.C.

K. 4.10.17. Det. D/B.

He was 2nd in Command of D Co. I saw the cross which was prepared at the Batln. H.Q., Dickebusch, for his grave. It was taken up to the grave by a party with an Officer from the Battalion in Charge. Battalion H.Q. know the exact location of grave.

Informant: Pte. C.C. McDonald, 5411
23rd Australians, D Co., 13th Pltn.,
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

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23rd Battn.
A I.F.

Brewster.
Lieut.A.C.

"Killed 4.10.17"

I did not see him killed but my mates said he was killed instantly. I saw his grave with a cross on it just close to Anzac House Ypres in the open close to where he was killed. He came from Victoria he was my Lieut.for above 18 months

Witness:-
T.Collingman 5974
13rd Battn.
No 3 Command Depot.
Harecott

G.W.Griffith.

London.
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23 A I F. Brewster, Lt. A C

K Oct. 4/17. Det. D/B.

Just below Zonnebeke Ridge he was killed instantly by HE. I was about 10 yards away and went back to see him. He was buried at Anzac ~~Ridge~~-House about 200 yards back from where he was was killed. One of the runners -whose name I cannot recollect- was told by the Colonel to go back and bury Lt. Brewster and this he did. There was a cross put over him. He was one of the best & absolutely; every man in the Coy. liked him.

Inf:- Sharpe, W J. 5091 6 M G C.
(formerly 23 A I F)
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Calais. 24 12 17 RAK

23rd Battn
A.I.F.

BREWSTER Lieut.
A.C

'Killed Oct 4th 1917 Det. D/B

Lieut. Brewster was killed instantly by a shell at Ypres just after going over the top about 6.30.a. on the morning of the 4th Oct last.
I do not know place of burial

Eye-Witness:- No

Description:-

Informant:- Pte. G.H. Davidson 6196
23rd Battn A.I.F.
Lackey
Home address:- Lockaber Street,
South Granville,
N.S.W

London.
7.1.18.

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23 Battn. D. Coy.
A.I.F,

BREWSTER.
A.C Lieut.,

"KILLED 4.10.17"

Refer to Cpl N.Hill D.Coy 23 Battn. who is now in France, he saw him killed at Zonnebeke, and also buried him, and can give full details of death and burial.

Witness;- McWilliams. J.3880.
23 Battn. D. Coy, 16 Ptn.
3. A.A.H.
Dartford.

W. Oman.

London.
20.2.18.

Note;- We regret the delay in typing the above report, but we have been obliged to hold it up on account of pressure of Work and shortage of machines.,

23rd Btn.

BREWSTER, A. C.
Lieut.

Killed in action 4/10/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was of medium height, dark complexion, about 35 years of age. Casualty was in charge of D Co. 23rd Btn. and was in support lines at Passhendale Ridge (?) Ypres. A.F.E. shell exploded near Casualty killing him instantly. I went down the trench the next morning and I saw Casualty lying dead. He was buried by Sgt. E. Hill, D Co. just behind the trench beyond Anzac House. He was well known and liked by all his men."

Informant:- H. T. Pople,
No. 803.

Private address:-
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East Brunswick.

T.C.F.
1/3/18.

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TOM McGUINNES

23 A.I.F.

B.S.F.

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LIEUT A.C BREWSTER

23 A.I.F.

Killed 4.10.17.

Qw.
31.12.17