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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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2765 Private
Hilary John Dighton

10th Battalion



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A.I.F. 10. DIGHTON, H.J. 2765.

M. 23-25.7.16.

He was killed at Pozieres, the third week of July. Pte Hermon, A.Coy. told me he saw the Pioneers burying his body. I think Hermon is in the Base now and could give details. He told me these facts the other day when I saw him. Dighton was with the H'Q bombers. He used to belong to A.Coy. He belonged to No 3 team of the bombers with me. I knew him very well.

Reference: Pte T.H. Langkow, 2711.B.

No 26. General. Etaples. 5.9.16. SA.

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DIGHTON,
H.J. 2765.

M. 23-25.7.16.

He comes from Port Augusta, A. Australia, where his father lives. I knew him there. He was a young fellow, of about 19 years of age. He belonged to the Bombers Section. He was blown up by a bomb and killed at Pozieres the first time we were in action there (July 3rd). Cpl.Cross, XIII Platoon, A.Co., saw him killed and told me about him. I don't know if his body was got in or not. Cross comes from Port Pirie.

Reference: Pte. J. Doran, 3731, A.Co.,
No.26 Gen.Hosp. Etaples,
7th Sept. 1916.

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France.

A.I.F. 10. DIGHTON H.J. 2765.

M. 23/25.7.16.

I know Dighton: his initials were H.J. and he used to be in A.II.8. and then went to the Bombers and was about the best bomber we had. I was told by some of the Bombers the same night that they had seen Dighton lying wounded in the body in the 2nd. German lines. We held this line and went on to the 3rd. but the Germans had a redoubt under the 2nd. line and were in it even after we had gone on to the 3rd. line If alive he must be a prisoner as they could not stop to get him back. This was at Pozieres on the last day of the 1st. attack. about 25.7.16 HSO.

Reference: Pte.C.E. Taylor. 2254.
1 Can. Hosp.
Etaples. 18.9.16.

10th Battn.
A.I.F.

Dighton
Pte. H.J. 2765

"Missing July 23-25th 1916."

He was told by the battalion that Dighton's body was found over near German trenches, on the 3rd day after attack. The body was taken back and buried.

Reference;- Pte.T.J.Kain, 2665
10th Battn. A.I.F.,
3rd London General Hospt
Wandsworth, 25-9-16.

Informant is intelligent.

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London
7-10-16
C.A.Woolmer.

10th Australian Infantry. Dighton, H. J. 2765.

(M. July 23-25/16.)

Informant states that Pte. Dighton H.J. was killed by a bomb at Pozieres on July 25th just as he was going over the parapet. Informant knew him well being of the same Batt: and Coy. Dighton was eighteen years old and was a bomber.

Reference:-- Pte. H. P. Gamond, 1942,
10th Australians, A Coy.
Tranmere Military Hospital,
Ward H. 2. Birkenhead.

Home address:-- 227, Parade, Norwood,
S. Australia.

Oct: 11th
Tipton.

A.I.F. 10th Btn

DIGHTON
Hilary John 2765

"M. July"

Killed in Action 23-25-7-16 - previously reported Missing
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 7-7-17.

London
14-7-17

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10th Btn.
A.I.F.

DIGHTON.
Hilary John. 2765.

"Killed in Action 23/25.7.16."

No trace Germany

Cert. by Capt. Hills. 10.10.19.

London.
15.10.19.

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15th September, 1916.

Cpl. Cross,
XIII Platoon (?), A.Coy.,
10 Aust. Inf.Battalion,
B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

We are making inquiries about 2765 H.J. DIGHTON, and have been told you can give us some definite information about his fate. He is officially posted as Missing, 23-25.7.16.

Anything at all you can tell us will be of importance to his people at home.

With best wishes,

Yours truly,

V. D.
per 7/8
Secretary

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9th ~~September~~ 1916.
Office -

Pte Hermon
A. Coy,
10th Battalion,
A. I. F.

Dear Sir,

We have heard that you saw the body of No.2765 Pte H. J. Dighton, 10th Battalion, A.I.F., being buried by the Pioneers. We have him on our lists as specially missing since July 23rd - 25th, and should be glad if you would send us some definite information about him. Are you quite sure that it was Pte Dighton you saw buried?

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.