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**5854 Private
Herbert Hugh Hickey**

21st Battalion



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21st Battn.
A.Coy.
A.I.F.

ENQUIRY

HICKEY

Pte. Herbert Hugh 5854

"Killed in Action 19-5-18"

Killed in Action 19-5-18 - Buried K.I.B. 05.65. Sheet 62D.
1/40,000 Date of birth 9-10-84 Next of kin - Wife:-

Mrs H. Hickey,
951, Rathdown Street,
N. Carlton.

Cert. by List from:-
Adjutant, 21st Battn. 28-5-18

London
6-6-18

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21. A.I.F.

HICKEY, H.H. 5854,
A.Coy, 111. Plat.

K. 125.18.

"I and L/Cpl. Dyer buried Hickey at Villa sur Ancre the same day he was killed and two days later we went and did the grave, put a cross with his name, No. and Regiment. There was only our two selves present. It was during the taking of the village he was killed.

Eye-witness:-

Description:-

Informant:- Sgt. W.E. Oliver, 942,
21. A.I.F.
A.Coy, 111. Plat.,
Manor Court Military Hospital,
Folkestone.

Home address:- Moe Gippsland,
Victoria.

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21st A.I.F.

Hickey, H.H. 5854
A Coy.

(K. May 19/18)
Dets. D/B.

"I knew Hickey. He was in my Coy. and was batman to Lt. Eales who was killed the same day. On May 19th at Villers Bank (? Ville-sur-Ancre) on the Somme. We were attacking and I saw him killed by a piece of shell which struck him on the side of the face. He is buried in the trench where he fell."

Eyewitness: Yes.

Description: Fair complexion, cleanshaven, fairly tall.

Informant: Pte. F. Fidler. 6412.
21st A.I.F. A Coy. III.
Bermundsey Military Hospital,
Ladywell. S. E.

Home address:
Hotspur,
Victoria.

24.6.18.
G.F. Walrond.

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21st Battn.
A.I.F.

HICKEY
H.H. 5854

"Killed 19-5-18"

I saw his grave at Treux in a Cemetery there, grave was marked by a Cross having full details marked thereon. I can give no details of casualty, but would refer you to C/S/M J. Irwin, A.Coy. 21st Battn., who is now in France, for details of casualty.

Informant. Moore. Sgt.G.S. 6852A
A.Coy. 21st Battn.,
3rd A.A.H.,
DARTFORD.

Note:-

Written C/S/M Irwin 29-8-18

W.Oman
London
29-8-18
J.E.A.

M.

21st Battn.
A.I.F.

HICKEY.
H.E. 5854.

"Killed 19-5-18"

He was in A.Company. I did not actually see him killed, but saw him shortly afterwards in a trench, dead. The casualty took place near Ville-sur-Ancres when he was hit by pieces from shell and suffered instantaneous death. We were digging in at the time - early morning of May 19th 1918. I knew him fairly well and he came from New South Wales, where he owned land. I saw his grave at place of casualty, and grave was marked by a rifle at the time and particulars marked thereon. Refer to Pte Dyer, A. Company. 21st Battn, who is at present somewhere in England in one of Hospitals, for it was he who buried him.

Informant:- Pte.Brown.E.J.6269,
A.Coy. 21st Battn.
3rd A.A.H.DARTFORD.

W.Oman.
London.
30-8-18.
J.E.A.

Note:- Written Dyer 29-8-18.

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5th Sept 1918.

Australians. 21.

Hickey H.R. 5854.

K. 19th May 1918. Det D/B.

I knew him well, he came from N.S. Wales. He had just dug in having gained our objective when he was killed by a shell at Villers sur Andre. He was buried where he was killed just outside the village and a cross put over the grave.

Inf:- Pte A.E.C. Dripps No. 5330.

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Anstra. Conv. Depot.

Rouelles.

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HICKEY. H.H. 5854.

K. May 19/18 Det. D/B.

I knew Hickey well, ~~for~~ he was in A Co. No.2 Pl., about 26 years of age. He had only lately returned from leave, when at 5 a.m. one morning in mid May we made an attack on the Germans, obtained our objective at Villers Sarange and dug in. I then saw him killed by shell fire, whilst he was in a trench, just to the right of the village. I was 100 yards away at the time, but I could see that he had been hit in the head, and that his death was instantaneous. I and Cpl. Dyer buried him the following night where he fell, and a cross was erected the same night giving full details. The ground has always remained in our possession. Hickey was a fine, clean-living fellow and much liked by us all.

Reference: Pte. J. Kelly, 5127.
No.8 General, Rouen. 7.9.18.

GJS.

Handwritten: N. 2d 6th

21st Battn.
A.I.F.

HICKEY.
H.H. 5854.

"Killed in Action 19-5-18"

Re 5854. Pte. H.H. Hickey, of A Coy, 21st Battn.
He was killed on May 19th 1918 at a place called Ville-Sur-Ancre,
and was buried in the field. I personally saw him buried and
a cross put up over him. He was killed by a shell and death was
instantaneous.

Letter from:- J.W. Irwin, C/S/M.

~~With~~ 21st Battn. A. Coy.

FRANCE. 6-9-18.

London.
13-9-18.
N.T.

M.

21st Btn.

HICKEY, H. H.
Pte. 5854.

Killed in action 19/5/18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5 ft. 7 ins. well built, fair complexion, about 33 years of age, known as "Hick". and comes from Swan Hill. Casualty was advancing at Ville sur Anore. I was in the same advance. I was 50 yds. from Casualty at the time of his death. An H.E. shell exploded near Casualty killing him instantly. This took place on the 19/5/18. He was most severely wounded about the head. I went out that same night and found Casualty's body and buried it. He was buried just near where he fell and I erected a cross over his grave."

Informant:- L/Cpl. Dyer,
No. 5008, 21st Btn.

Private address:-
14 Thomas Street,
East Brunswick.

T.C.F.
1/11/18.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

21st Btn.

HICKEY, H. H.
Pte. 5854.

K. in act. 19/5/18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man of medium build, 5 ft. 7 in. dark complexion, about 30 years of age. Casualty was in an advance at Villers sur Anore when an H.E. shell exploded alongside of him a piece entering his head killing him instantly. I was in the same platoon. I saw his body. He was buried where he fell and a cross was erected."

Informant:- Pte. T. J. Coath,
No. 4590, 21st Btn.

Private address:-
125 Inglewood Road,
Bendigo.

N.A.T.
7/3/19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

21st Bn.

HICKY, A.H.
Pte. 10. 5854

Kld. in act. 19.5.18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5' 7", medium build, fair complexion about 25 years of age, known as "Dick". Casualty was advancing at Villa-sur-Ancre and gained the objective and was digging a dugout for his officer when he was informed that his officer had been killed and he looked up in surprise at the news, when a piece of shell entered his head killing him instantly. I was 10 yards away at the time of his death, and saw his body immediately afterwards. He was buried just where he fell."

Informant:- T.R. Coxwick
No. 6876

Private address
11 Selborne Street,
Auburn.

M. C. L.

T.O.F.
28.3.19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

NO ENQUIRY

21st Battn.
A.I.F.

HICKEY S. H.H.
Huxley D.D.
McLoughlin L/C.W.
Simpson L/C. J.

"Killed about 28-5-18"

I did not see these men killed, but they were killed in a barrage near Buire. They were buried by L/Cpl. Dyer, and I think, J. Kelly, both A. Coy. 2nd Pltn., now with Coy. Hickey was known as Jim, a farmer from Victoria. Huxley's name was Douglas D., Albert Road, Brunswick. McLoughlin also from Victoria.

Informant. Thomas. A.E. 63.
21st Battn. Hqts.,
Hut 21,
WESTHAM.

W.A. Rand
London
8-8-18
H.G.

M.

5854

5834
H.H. Hickey Grand
of Perth
KIA 195-18
Dear Mr. Treagus 6/9/16

Re your note of inquiry concerning
P.O. 5834 Pte H.H. Hickey of A
 Coy 21st Bn.

He was killed on day 19-17 at
a place called Ville Sur Arc
and was buried in the field.
I personally saw him buried &
a cross put up over him. He was
killed by a shell and death was
instantaneous. I think that, that
is all I can tell you about him.
It will be willing to supply
any information that I can at
any time in any case.

Please excuse brevity
I remain
Yours truly
W. Irwin

W. Irwin
P.O. 5834
21st Bn.

14.1.19

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Plt

H. W. Nickey

21 Bde

See under

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Sgt. H. P. Veness

4 Sig Sec. 2 Bde