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904 Private
William Birney
Huggard

37th Battalion



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A.I.F. 37th Battn.

HUGGARD

W.B. 904.

"Killed 26/8/18."

He was in a different Coy from me and I did not see the Casualty, but saw him shortly after he had been sniped through the head, death being instantaneous. Another man by the name of Muffert was killed at the same time, he being also sniped through the head. The casualty happened at Jchnicourt near Bray, when they went out to capture a machine post, having volunteered for the work; both were killed about 11.30 in the morning. I knew him well in the Battalion, but am not sure where he came from. I saw his grave on the field near Jchnicourt about a mile away. The grave was marked by a cross having full details marked thereon. I was a Stretcher Bearer at the time.

Informant:- Pte. L. Bell 3018,
D. Coy, 37th Battn.,
3rd A.A. Hospital,
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87th Batta.
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HUGGARD.
W.B. 904.

"Killed in Action 26-8-18"

Was a private in C. Company. 87th Battalion. tall, dark, strong build, slightly grey. I saw him hit on 25th August about 3 p.m. during the attack on Vaux Wood in front of Susanna. We had just taken a position in an old trench and the enemy were firing whizz bangs point blank. One shell came through the parapet right on to his post. He was severely wounded in head and body and died in a few minutes without being conscious. We buried him next morning behind the trench and put up a small cross giving his name etc.

Informant:- Sgt. J. J. Pedrick. 972.

8th Batta.

(formerly C. Coy. 37th Bn)

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26th. February 1919.

37th. Australians.

Huggard. W. B. 904.

K. August 26/1918. Det. D/B.

He was killed at Suzanne by a shell (T.M.). He was buried just outside the trench. I did not see him killed but I saw his grave. There was a cross put up. He came from Leconwarol N.S.W. He was in the same platoon.

Inf:- Pte. S. T. Gallagher, 2065.
37th. Australians. C. 11.
Austr. Demob. Base.

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24th. Febr. 1919.

37th. Australians.

Huggard. W. B. 904.

K. August. 26/1918. Det. D/B.

He was in C.Coy. and was single. He was killed outright by a shell about 8 p.m. at Suzanne just as we were advancing. He was hit in the head and side and was buried alongside of a trench with Corporal Colbart, who was killed by the same shell, at the same spot.

Inf:- Pte. A. E. Rowe, 2140.
37th. Australians. A. C.Coy.
Austr. Demob. Base.

RBS.

RRB.

Havre.

28th. Febr. 1919.

37th. Australians.

Huggard W. B. 904,

K. August 26/1918. Det. D/B.

He came from ~~Warr~~ Victoria, and was single. He was in C. Coy. I saw him killed by a shell at Susanne, about 4 p.m. He was hit in the head and the chest and killed outright. He was buried the same night with two other men in the same grave at Baux Wood in the open, and crosses were erected.

Inf:- Sergt. A. L. Gilmour, 876.
37th. Australians. C. Coy.
Austr. Demob. Base.

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37th Btn.

HUGGARD, W.B.
Pte. 904

K. in act. 26/8/18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a short man, well built, dark complexion, slightly grey hair, about 35 years of age, known as "Bill". Casualty was advancing on Suzanne on the Somme. I was in the same advance and same Pltn. He was working a Lewis Gun and had gained the objective when he was sniped by a rifle bullet which entered his head, killing him instantly. I was 10 yds. away at the time of his death and I saw his body immediately afterwards. He was buried outside of the trench at Suzanne, and I helped to bury him. Across was erected over the grave with his name, number and unit on it."

Informant:- Sgt. Snellgrove, V.

Private address:-

No. 3474, 37th Btn.

Ngawee,
Geelong.

T.C.F.

6/3/19

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