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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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2032 Private
William Albert Higgs

31st Battalion



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31st.Battn.A.Coy.
A.I.F.

Higgs.
Pte.W.A. 2032.

"Killed Oct.12.1916.Details"

William Higgs,called "Billy" and short nuggety man came from Newtown Sydney. In a raid at Armentieres he got wounded about the body and legs, he did not seem dangerously hurt, and had a cigarette . Informant, and others carried him back under heavy fire, but whilst on the way Higgs suddenly collapsed and died. Informant left for the Somme next morning so does not know where he was buried.

Reference:- Pte.P.J.Curren 2300. 31st.Battn.A.Coy.
Southall.23.1.17.

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E.C.
London 25.1.17.

A.I.F. 31. HIGGS W.A. 2032.

K. 12.10.16.

I was with him in a raiding party at Armentieres on 12th.Oct. We were in the German front line when he was hit by a bomb and badly wounded. I saw the casualty. We brought him back and he died half an hour later in our front trench. He is buried in the Australian Section of the Military Cemetery at Armentieres. He belonged to I Pl. A.Co.

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Reference: Sgt.W. Kennard. 2972. A.Co.

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31st Battalion, A.I.F.

HIGGS, W.A.
2032 Pte

Killed in Action 12/10/16.

I knew Higgs well. We went over together. He was a very decent chap. Never drank or smoked. He was Killed in a raid at Armentieres Was killed at once by a shell.

Informant: Bell, G.H. Pte 2274
31st Battn. A.I.F.
No.4 Australian General Hospital,
RANDWICK.

H.S.N.
17.10.17.

SYDNEY BURREAU,

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A.I.F.
31st Bn.

HIGGS.
William Albert 2038

Killed in Action 18.10.16.

Buried in the Honour Cemetery Armentieres in Grave 56.
Section III Block III Row A. German List of graves in Cemetery.
Cert. by letter from Capt. Mills 28.7.19.

London.
6.10.17.

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