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Lieutenant
Leslie Richard Hughes

45th Battalion



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OC No 8
6500/18
14-10-18
(12-24-18)

No 8 General Hospital,
S.E.F.

Lieut. R. Hughes

4536

DO W. 1-10-18 S₂ (cd)

In reply to your letter of the 9th inst, I beg to inform you that Lieut. R. Hughes, 45th A.I.F., was wounded on the 10th ultimo, and admitted into this hospital 24th September 1918, suffering from A.I.F. Spine (lower region), penetrating spinal canal, foreign body present and was removed. Spinal meningitis supervened.

Condition on arrival was grave, but apart from headache and aching in back he did not suffer acutely. He died at 4-15 a.m., on the 1st October 1918 and was buried in the St Sever Cemetery, Grave No 6935.

Yours faithfully,

J. H. Sullivan

Captain R.A.M.C.
for S.E.F. No 8 General Hospital.

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45th Battn. A.I.F.

HUGHES.

Lieut. I.R.

Killed 1/10/18

Buried St. Sever Cemetery Extension, Yuen, 1.338.SSP. 4435/18

Extracted from Capt. Spedding's List of 16/10/19

Melbourne

18/12/19

45th BATTALION. "D" Coy. (Late 1st Btn.)
A.I.F.

HUGHES, Lieutenant
L.R.

"Died of Wounds 1/10/18".

We were in action at Cambrai 18th Sept. 1918. I did not see Lieut. Hughes hit, nor after. He was attached to Headquarters when hit. He was a most intimate friend of mine; we were together whenever we could be. He acted as Intelligence Officer in this stunt. He spoke to me just before we went over and said "he had been detailed as Intelligence Officer" and did not care much about it, but of course he had to do it. I went on leave shortly after (in October) and made enquiry about him at Horseferry Road, England, and was told that he had died in Rouen Hospital, France. His address was "Leswell" Lakemba, Sydney. If his father would like to see me I will be very pleased to call on him on hearing from him.

Informant;- No. 4596, Cpl. W.R. Lewis,
45th Battalion "D" Coy.

Private address;- Albert Street, Smithfield, Sydney.

W.C.W.
Anzac Buffet, Sydney,
30/6/19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

45th BATTALION. A.I.F.

"D" Coy.

(late 1st Battn).

HUGHES.

Lieutenant L.R.

"DIED OF WOUNDS. 1.10.18."

At the time when he was hit the Lieutenant was attached to the Scout Office Headquarters.

Informant states that on 18.9.18 the Battalion was in action near Bellicourt. They hopped over at 5.20 a.m. and about 10 minutes later, when they had advanced about 300 yards, the Lieutenant was wounded by a shell. Informant was about 100 yards away and saw the Lieutenant soon afterwards being taken away by stretcher-bearers. He never saw the Lieutenant again but heard that he died. The objective was gained.

According to Informant, the Lieutenant was a most popular officer and all the men spoke well of him.

INFORMANT: Private G.B. Rygate, 4293,
45th Battalion, A.I.F.

Home address; Rawson Street, HABERFIELD.

W.E.G.

Anzac Buffet, SYDNEY.
20.5.19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

A.I.F. 45th Battrn.

HUGHES
L.R.Lieut.

"WOUNDED"

Adm. 8th Gen. Hpl. 24/9/18 Gun shot wound back

Died of wounds at 8th Gen. Hpl. Rouen 1/10/18

Cert. by Hpl. Index

Died in 8 Gen. Hpl. Rouen on 1st October from Gun shot wound in back
penetrating

Cert. by Phone 7/10/18.

London
8/10/18.

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45th Battalion A.I.F.
(late 1st Bn.) "D" Co.

HUGHES, L.R. Lieutenant.

"Died of Wounds. 1/10/18."

Hughes was a cobbler of mine. I last saw him in a Casualty Clearing Station just in advance of Fouilly, South of Peronne. He was unconscious, and the nurse told me the operation was unsuccessful. I heard later that he died, I think in England.

Informant - Lieut. L.C. Saythe.

Private Address - Trundle.

B.M.
Anzac Buffett.
Sydney.
11/6/19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

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45th Battn.
A.I.F.

HUGHES
Lt. L.R.

"Died of Wounds 1-10-18"

Re Lt. L.R. Hughes, 45th Battn. I beg to inform you that he was wounded on the 18th ultimo, and admitted into this Hpl. 24-9-18, suffering from G.S.Wd. spine, (lower region) penetrating spinal canal, foreign body was present and was removed. Spinal Meningitis supervened. Condition on arrival was grave, but apart from headache and aching in back, he did not suffer acutely. He died at 4-14⁵a.m. on 1-10-18 and was buried in the St. Sever Cemetery, Grave No. 6935.

Letter from:- The O.C.,
No. 8 Gen. Hpl.,
14-10-18.

London
22-10-18

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45th. BATTALION A.I.F.
D. Company late Int. Battr.

HUGHES L. R.
Lieutenant.

Died of Wounds. 1/10/18.

Informant states that on 18/9/18 the Battalion was in action near Vendelle in the Hindenburg line outpost system, between St. Quentin and Cambrai. The Lieutenant was Intelligence Officer at Headquarters and laid the tapes for the hop-over. Just after our barrage opened the Lieutenant was wounded by enemy shell fire. Informant did not see him hit, but saw him being brought in on a stretcher by 4 prisoners in charge of one of our own men. He spoke to Informant asking him to look after some souvenirs and was in good spirits. Informant sent him to a Dressing Station and a few days later received from him a Field Postcard, dated 21st September in which he said that he was well. Informant was surprised to hear later that he had died. He heard that he was buried at Rouen.

Informant:- Lieutenant W. R. Watson,
45th. Battalion.

Home address:- Rangers Road, Neutral Bay.

V.B.G.
Victoria Barracks,
6/3/19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.