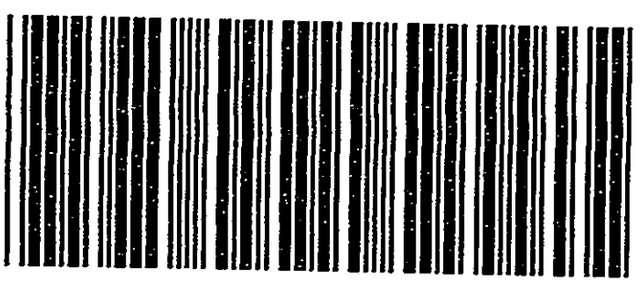
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2655 Private George Hindes

30th Battalion



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29th Batta.
A.I.F.

HIBBES.
George. 2655.

"Missing Unoff: 6-8-18 letters returned"

Killed in Action 28-8-18. No details available.
Cert: by A.I.F.Hqrs 12-10-18.

London.
14-10-18.

P I.

A.I.F. 30. HINDES, G. 2655

K. Aug. 28th, 1918. Date.

He was a great pal of mine, fair, clean shaven, about 5ft 7, medium build, aged about 24, and used to play Association football for the battn. I did not see casualty but heard from another pal, Edward Whittaker, (number not known) that he was with him when killed, and I am sure he could give you further particulars. ✠

Inf. J. Bainbridge, 1975, Transport.
Billets.
Boulogne. 13.11.18. ARD.

✠ Both Whittaker and Hindes were B. HQ. runners, and Whittaker said that Hindes was returning from a message when he was hit in the neck by a bullet from an aeroplane.

J.E.A.
Taken from file

P.I.
Written Whittaker
6.12.18

30th Battn.
A.I.F.

HINDES.
G. 2655.

"Killed in Action 28-8-18"

Re the above named soldier. I can inform you that he was buried on the field, where he fell, at Foucacourt- a small village on the main road between Amiens and Peronne. Although not buried in a cemetery, the grave would nevertheless be registered. In regard to his personal appearance, he was about 5ft 9 in height, blue eyes, very fair hair, and at the base of the throat had a brownish coloured scar, I think a birthmark.

Letter from:- Pte E.Whitaker. 5123.
30th Battn. A.I F.

London.
4-1-19.
J.E.A.

P I.

A.I.F. 30th Battn.

HINDES
G. 2655.Pte.

"Killed 28.8.18."

Hindes was in my Platoon(No.12). He was in C. Coy, man about 5ft.6ins, fair, medium build, aged 24 about. Understood his brother lived in England. Can't remember particular stunt (~~Somme~~ Some) Gully it was called. We went into action about 4 p.m. and had to retire about 100 yards, coming back Hindes was sniped. Bullet through temple. Saw him fall- only one man between him and me. Burial party sent back. Did not see his burial.

Informant:- Pte. R.J. Bryan;
4506,
30th Battn.C. Coy,
Ward 21.
3rd Aust. A.Hpl.
Dartford.

London
6.1.19.
J.E.A.

P.I.

30th Battn.
A.I.F.

HINDES.
G. 2655.

"Killed in Action 28-8-18"

I erected the Battalion cross over Hindes at place of casualty, Fouccourt. An isolated grave on Battlefield.

Informant:- F.C.Wailes. 4878.
30th Battn. C.Company.
SARS POTERIES.

W.M.K.
London.
15-3-19.
J.F.A.

P I.

A.I.F.
30th Bttn.

HINDES.
G. 2655

Killed 28/8/18.

30. C. 12. He was 5'9" in height, fair, 28 years of age. An Englishman, but enlisted in Australia. At Foucacourt on Aug.27/18 at 5 a.m. we were attacking Machine gun posts when Hindes was killed instantly by machine gun bullet. I buried him at place of casualty on open battlefield. An isolated grave. The Battalion cross was later erected.

Informant:- F.C. Colgate. 2307
30.C.11.
Sars Poteries.3.3.19.

Note. Later R.W. Powe 2427 of 30.C.11. an eyewitness of D/B. gave similar evidence.

W.H.K.
London.
17.3.19.
J.E.A.

P.I.

Mrs.L.Hindes.
13 Cecil Cottages.
Rasper Road.
Whetstone. N.20.

March 21st, 1919.

Dear Madam.

With further reference to your enquiry for 2655 Pte. GEORGE HINDES. 30th Battalion. A.I.F. We beg to inform you that we have received the following unofficial report from 2307 Pte. F.C. Colgate of the same Unit who was interviewed in France. He stated that Pte. Hindes who was an Englishman, fair, 5'9" in height, and 28 years of age, was killed instantly by a machine Gun Bullet at 5.30.am. on 28.8.18. at Fonsaucourt while they were attacking the enemy machine gun posts. Informant helped bury him where he fell on the battlefield and the Battalion cross was erected later.

2427 Pte. B.W. Powe who was also an eyewitness of Pte. Hindes' death gave similar evidence.

We have now closed our enquiries as we are unlikely to receive more detailed reports of Pte. Hindes' death. We hope the information that he did not suffer may be of some comfort to you and assure you of our sincere sympathy in your loss.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) G.W. Griffiths

SECRETARY.

Mrs.L.Hindes.
13 Cecil Cottages.
Rasper Road.
Whetstone.N.20.

March 19th, 1919.

Dear Madam.

With further reference to your enquiry for 2655 Pte. GEORGE HINDES, 30th Battalion, A.I.F. We beg to inform you we have now received the following unofficial report from 4878 Pte. F.C. Weiles of the same Unit who states that he erected the Battalion cross over the grave of Pte. Hindes at the place of casualty on the battlefield at Foncaucourt. We will immediately advise you should any further particulars reach us and trust the above report may be of some value to you.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

SECRETARY. G.W.G.

G C

January 15th. 1919.

Mrs. L. Hindes.
13 Cecil Cottages,
Rasper Road.
Whetstone. N. 20.

Dear Madam.

With further reference to your enquiry for your son 2665 Pte. GEORGE HINDES, 30th Battalion, A.I.F. We beg to inform you we have received the following unofficial report from 5123 Pte. E. Whitaker of the same Unit:-"I can inform you that 2655 Pte. G. Hindes was buried on the field where he fell, at Foucacourt - a small village on the main road between Amiens and Peronne. Although not buried in a cemetery - the grave would nevertheless be registered. In regard to his personal appearance, he was about 5'9" in height, blue eyes, very fair hair, and at the base of the throat had a brownish coloured scar, I think a birthmark." As soon as we obtain further particulars we will again advise you.

Assuring you of our sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Griffiths

Secretary.

G.E.D.

ack. 2.1.18 Dec. 9.18 24/12/18 5123 Pte. E. Whitaker
2655 30th Batt
G. Hinder A.I.F.
30 Bn
K. in A. 28.8.18
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Dear Madame

In reply to your letter of enquiry, concerning the deceased soldier Pte. G. Hinder, 2655, 30th Batt. I can inform you that he was buried on the field, where he fell, at Fouracourt, a small village, on the main road between Amiens and Peronne. Although not buried in a cemetery, the grave would nevertheless be registered. In regard to personal appearance, he was about five feet, nine in height, blue eyes, very fair hair, and at the back of the throat, had a brownish coloured scar, a mole, a birthmark. Hoping that this information may prove useful, I am

Yours sincerely
Pte E. Whitaker

J.E.A.

Mrs L.Hindes.
13 Cecil Cottages,
Rasper Road.
Whetstone.
N.20

6th Dec. 1918.

Dear Madam,

With further reference to your enquiry for your son 2655 Pte. G.Hindes.20th Battn. A.I.F. We beg to inform you of an unofficial report we have received about him from one of his friends in the Battalion. 1975 Pte. J.Bainbridge, describes your son as fair,clean shaven, 5'7" in height, of medium build, and aged about 24. He stated that he had heard from Pte.Whittaker who was with your son when the casualty occurred, that he was killed,when returning from delivering a message, by a bullet from an aeroplane which wounded him in the ~~back.~~ neck.

We have written to Pte. Whittaker in the hope that he may be able to furnish us with further details and as soon as we receive his reply we will advise you.

We trust the above may be of some value to you and assure you of our sympathy in your loss.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

O.V.

SECRETARY.

October 15th, 1918.

Mrs.L.Hindes.
13 Cecil Cottages,
Rasper Road.
Whitstone. N.20

Dear Madam.

In reply to your enquiry for No 2655 Pte. George HINDES. 30th Battalion. A.I.F. We deeply regret to inform you that he was killed in Action on 28-8-18.

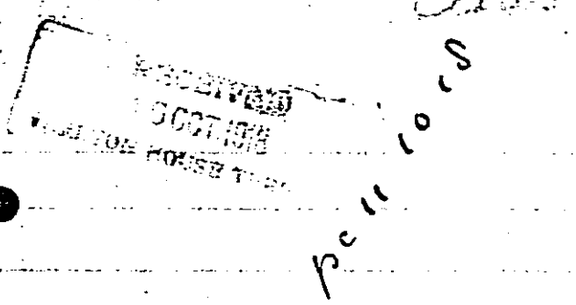
We are making all enquiries for details of his death and burial, and as soon as any come to hand, we will notify you immediately.

We very much regret sending you such sad news, but assure you of our sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.



13. Cecil Cottages
Resper Road
Whetstone
N.20

Dear Sir.

I have been adviced to write you on behalf of Son who has been missing since August 6th 1918. His parcels & letters have been returned If you could do anything for me I should be greatly obliged

Yours Truly
L. Hindes

No 2655
Pte G. Hindes
C. Company
30th Battalion
Australian Imperial Forces
France.