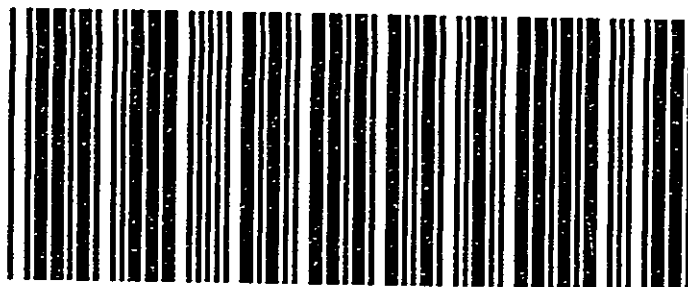


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**7724 Private
John Albert Hindle**

2nd Battalion



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A.I.F. 2nd Btn

HINDLE
J.A. 7724

"K. Aug: 15/18"

Was a Pte. in 6th Pltn, B.Coy, 2nd Btn, short, fairly thickset, young about 19/20 years old, medium complexion. I saw him knocked near Croy Wood on 15th Aug: about daybreak - we were in reserve in a trench and a shell landed in the trench - he was hit all over and was killed straight out. I was about 10 yds away at the time. He was buried there the same night & a small cross was erected, but I did not see it myself.

Informant: Pte. E.A. Chaffey 717a
6th Pltn, B.Coy, 2nd Btn

H.F. Cowan
London
26-3-19
H.M.

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A.I.F.
2nd Btn.

HINDLE.
J.A. 7724.

Killed 15.8.18.

Pte. E.A. Chaffey's statement is correct. I was right alongside when Hindle was killed and I helped to bury him that night. We put him in a shell hole and put up a small wooden cross with his name etc in indelible pencil.

Informant:- L/Cpl. H.G. Penington 5746
6th Pltn. B.Coy. 2nd Btn.
A.I.F. 21.3.19.

H.S. Cowan.
London.
31.3.19.
J.E.A.

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A.I.F.
2nd Bttn.
B.Co. 8th Pltn.

HINDLE. Pte.
J.A. 7724.

Killed 15.8.18.

Height 5'4", medium complex. Protuding nose and from Sydney.
N.S.W., age 20 yrs.

About 11 a.m. on morning of 13.8.18. Hindle was blown to pieces
by shell at Lihons. I was stretcher bearer at time and
about 30 yards from him. When I got to where he was killed
I found parts of his body and his disc. The portions found
would be buried on the field but I did not see any burial
as we were taking the wounded away.

Informant:- Pte.E.T. Allard. 7684.

Home address:-
"St Malon"
Moore St. Campsie.
Sydney.

2nd Bttn. A.Co.
2nd Pltn. A.I.F.
Ward 4. 3rd A.A.Hpl.
22.4.19.

O.S.W.
London.
30.4.19.
J.E.A.

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2nd BATTALION A.I.F.
20th Reinforcements.

HINDLE J. A. Private
No. 7724

Killed 15/8/18.

Informant described Hindle as about 5 feet 2 inches high, nuggety build, snowy hair, aged about 19/20.

Informant states that they both belonged to B. Company No. 6 Platoon. On 15/8/18 the Battalion was in reserves behind Cerisy Wood having come out of the line the night before. While Hindle was lying down just after daybreak, he was killed outright by a shell. Informant was in the next trench about 10 yards away and did not see Hindle hit, but saw him about 10 minutes afterwards. A little later Informant was himself hit and taken away and up to that time Hindle had not been removed.

According to Informant Hindle was a well liked chap.

Informant:- Private G. Tinker, 6591,
B. Company, 2nd. Battalion.

Home address:- Narandera, N.S.W.

V.A.O.
Victoria Barracks.
6/3/19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

2nd BATTALION, A.I.F.
26th Reinforcement.

HINDLE.
Private J.A. 7724.

"KILLED. 15.8.18."

Informant described Hindle as about 5ft 6 or 7 inches high, nuggetty build, fair complexion, aged about 20, and had worked at Tooth's Brewery, Sydney.

Informant states that they both belonged to B. Company. On 15.8.18 the Battalion was in Reserves at Lihons. About 5 a.m. while Holt was sitting in a trench, he was killed outright by a shell which landed almost on top of him. Informant was about 5 yards away and saw him after he was hit. Informant was present when he was buried against the side of a trench, about 2 yards from where he was hit. Holt was the only one knocked by that particular shell.

INFORMANT; Private L.R. Stone, 7779,
B. Company, 2nd Battalion, A.I.F.

Home address; Norwick Street, STRATHFIELD.

W.E.G.
Victoria Barracks, SYDNEY.
24.3.19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

2nd Battalion, A.I.F.
26th Rfts.

HINDLE, J. A.
Private No. 7724.

"Killed. 15. 8. 18".

Informant described Hindle as about 5 ft 7 inches high, nuggetty build, fair complexion, aged about 21/22. He worked at Tooth's Brewery, Sydney.

Informant states that they both belonged to B. Company, 6th Platoon. On 15.8.18 the Battalion was in supports at Lihons. About midnight Hindle came back from a ration party, and got into a funk hole to sleep, when shortly afterwards a shell fell on to the funk hole, and killed him outright. Informant was about 5 yards away in the next funk hole and heard the shell coming, and heard it explode. He went over to the spot, and saw Hindle lying dead there. Informant was present when he was buried next morning by Sergeant McCullam just out side the trench where he was killed, and Informant saw a Cross on the grave later with his name etc., thereon.

According to Informant he was a good little chap, well thought of by his mates.

Informant:- Private S.J. Illingworth, 5811,
B. Company, 2nd Battalion.

Private Address:- 79, Derwent Street,
G L R B E.

W.E.G.
Victoria Barracks, Sydney.
25. 3. 19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

Adj. E.
2nd. Battrn

HINDIE, J.A.
7724.

K. Aug. 15-18.

Was in B. Coy. fair 5'8 1/2 clean shaven 20 to 22. He was killed by at Creepy
Wood on Aug. 15-18. He had a leg blown off by a shell. I buried him
at Creepy Wood.

Inf:- Pte. C.H. Hiller.

2951 B. Coy.
2nd. Battrn.

R.O. Wheeler.
H.M.A.T. City of Poonah.
15-5-19.

S. Swift