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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**5713 Sergeant
James Lihou**

13th Battalion



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A.I.F.
13th Btn.

KILLED/ACTION. 18.9.18. LIHOU. "MM" "DCM" Pte. J. 5713.
Died of Wounds. " " " Graves V. 5689
" " " " " Gore. A.F. 6028.

I saw Graves, Gore and Lihou (not Lihon) of C. Coy. X. all hit by revolver bullets on the right of the village of Livergnas (possibly Longavesnes ? H.F.H.) about 6 a.m. during the hopover - they were *La Vergnien* attacking an outpost at the time. Gore was hit right through body from side to side - I don't know where he died. Graves was hit through stomach - he shook hands with me and I saw him die within 50 yards of where he was hit. Lihou (was sgt in charge of M.G. runners at the time) was hit through the chest. I don't know about burial as we went on.

LIHOU (not Lihon), came over with me, left Sydney 4.5.16. in Clan Mc Gillivray.

Gore:- Dark, thin, about 28/30 yrs. married man, with a wife in Sydney.

Graves:- abt. 5'8 or 9, 22 yrs. Came from Rosedale, Sydney. I know his people and have written to his mother - he has a brother in 45th Btn. He came over with me. Left Sydney 4.5.16. in Clan McGillivray. 18th Rfts for 13th Btn. He was a coy runner but was attached to X platoon for that stunt.

Informant :- Pte. R.C. Wheeler. 5777

H.E.H.
London.
15.4.19.

13th Btn. C.X.

A.I.F. Le Havre. 7.4.19.

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13th BATTALION, A.I.F.

LIHOU
LIHOU - Cpl. J.
No. 5713.

"Killed 18.9.18."

Informant described Lihou as about 5 ft 6 in. high, slight build, fair complexion, aged about 23 or 24. Held the D.C.M. and M.M.

Informant states that they both belonged to C. Company, of which Lihou was Lewis Gun Sergeant. On 18.9.18 the Battalion was advancing on La Verguier to the left of St. Quentin. They hopped over at 4.30 a.m. About half an hour later when they had advanced about 2 kilometres and before they got to the objective, Lihou was hit by machine gun fire while he was rushing an enemy machine gun posse. Informant was about 100 yards from him and saw him fall, but was not able to go over to him as he had to keep going. He never saw Lihou again, but heard that he was taken to a Casualty Clearing Station and died there. He was probably buried at the Casualty Clearing Station either at Peronne or Doungt about 2 kilometres away.

According to Informant Lihou was a very popular chap and a good soldier.

Informant: Lance-Corporal K. Miller, M.M., No. 704
C. Company, 13th Battalion.

Home address: "Camo", Illawarra Road, Marrickville

W.E.G.
Garrison Hospital, Victoria Barracks.
5.3.19.

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A.I.F.
13th Battalion.

LIHOU, Corporal
J. No. 5713

"Killed 18-9-18".

Informant described Lihou as about 5'8" high, medium build, aged 25/30, christian name "James", was a Sergeant when killed. On 18-9-18 the Battalion was in action near Le Verquier on the road to St. Quentin. They hopped over at 5.30 a.m. They gained their first objective and about 9-30 a.m. when near Collins Copse, on the way to the second objective, some of the Battalion were held up by a machine gun Posse. Lihou rushed the Posse on his own and was hit and fell across the wire, being apparently killed outright. Informant was about 50 yards away on the right and did not see Lihou hit, but heard his companions sing out "Jimmy is hit". Pte. Dick Ryan, who belonged to Lihou's Company, actually saw him hit. Lihou's action was a very brave one, and in Informant's opinion should have earned him the "Victoria Cross".

According to Informant Lihou was well liked by his mates.

Informant:- No. 3659, Pte. F.J. Johnstone,
"D" Company - 13th Battalion.
Private address:- 142 Boundary St., PADDINGTON.

W.E.G.
No. 4 Australian General Hospital,
RANDWICK. 29-4-19.

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13th BATTALION.
A.I.F.

LIHOU, Corporal
J. No. 5713

"Killed 18-9-18".

Lihou, who was a splendid and brave fellow, had gained the "D.C.M." and "M.M." I cannot give any particulars about his death, but Pte. T. Henderson of Military Road, Newcastle, can give full information. He saw Lihou killed.

Informant;- 3533, Pte. J.W. Campbell,
13th Battalion "D" Company.

Private address;- MACKSVILLE. N.S.W.

19-5-19.
A.I.F. Furlough Bureau,
Sydney.
19-5-19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

S. J. M.

13th Battn.
A.I.F.

Lihon
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LIHON.
Jk 5813. Pte

"Killed in Action 18-9-18"

I understood that details of Lihon's death and burial had been asked for by Battalion Headquarters and duly furnished. ? Apply to them.

Home address:-

A.I.F.Hqs.

Horseferry Rd.

Westminster.

John.R.Clark Hall.

:ondon.

18-2-19.

J.E.A.

Informant:- White.T.Capt.

13th Battn. A.I.F.

3rd London General Hpl.

WANDSWORTH.

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A.I.F. 13th Battrn

LIHC 6
J. 5713

"WOUNDED"

Admitted 8th Stationary Hospital 7-2-17 - Gun shot wound left hand
Cert. by Hospital Index

Discharged to Base Details Boulogne 28-2-17
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 29-3-17.

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London
30-3-17

A.I.F. 13th Btn

LIEC
J. 5713

"Wied April"

Wounded 11-4-17 rejoined Btn 17-5-17
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 4-7-17.

London
4-7-17

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A.I.F. 13th Bn

RECEIVED L.H.O.
J. 5713

"K/A.18-9-18 dtls D/B"

K/Action 18-9-18- H.F.R.

Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 20-12-18

London
21-12-18

A.I.F.
13th Bttn.

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LINCOLN. "LM" "DCM"
5713.

"WOUNDED. "

Killed in Action 18-9-18.

No further report.

Cert. by Hdqrs list 22.11.18.

LONDON
23.11.18.

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A.I.F.
15th Btn.
C.Co.

LIHON. Pte.
J. 5713.

"E. 18.9.B"

5'5", Fair, age 25/26.
When Lihon was hit he was Sgt on Lewis Gun. On the morning of
18.9.18. he was hit in groin by H.Q. Bullet at Bellinghise
I saw him hit and saw him walk away. Did not see him again but
it was reported at the Unit he died on way to dressing station
Don't know anything of burial. He was an "IDF" "DOR" and for the
work he did in his last he was recom. for V.C. but was only
given a bar to his D.C.M. He was exceptionally brave in bombing
Fritz dugouts and Fritz H.Q. putting 2 of their guns out of
action by bombs.

Informant:- Pte M Docley. 3523.

Address:-

112 Morgan St.

Marine Street.

Newcastle. N.S.W.

O.S.W.

London.

2.6.19.

J.T.A.

15th Btn. C.Co. Fltn 12.

Ward 12. 3rd A.A.Hpl. 19.5.19.

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Enquiry List March 1919 - 712a.

Enq. A.T. Cunningham, 23rd. April, 1919.

13th Battalion.

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LHDN
LHDN. M.L.D. Pte. J.

Ki Sept. 18/18. Det. D/2.

? name LINDS. ? Sgt at time of casualty. Had above-mentioned decorations. Medium build, dark. Called "Jimmy". Belonged to "G" Coy. Formerly Corporal and then Machine Gun Sergeant. Just back from Blighty leave. Hit with a machine gun bullet, and on coming back to a Dressing Station collapsed. Casualty occurred about 6 a.m. in the locality of La Vergne. Burial particulars not known, but known area was cleared of dead for burying.

Informant R. witness:- 8002 Pte. T. A. Denny,
"G" Coy. 13th. Battrn.

Private Address:- Gunned, NEW SOUTH WALES.

Searcher:-

Henry Richard

No. 19862 T/Spl. Repat. & Gen. Dept. London.
formerly 2nd. Aust. Casualty Clearing Station.
Private Address:- 19 Marion Street,
Glenferrie. VICTORIA.

*Sgt
01/11/19*

A.I.F.
13th BATTALION.

LIHOU, Cpl. J.
No. 5713

"Killed 18-9-18".

Informant states that he believes that Lihou was killed at Le Verguize near Peronne. Informant was coming down with a wounded man from the front line when someone said "There's Jimmy Lihou". Informant saw a man lying on the ground about 15 yards away, but it was too far away to recognise the features. When Informant came out of the line Lihou was reported killed. When coming down with the wounded man Informant had already heard a report that Lihou was killed. Informant does not know where he was buried. Lihou was very well known and one of the best liked men in the Battalion.

Informant;- No. 5763, Private L. Sharpe,
13th Battalion.

Private address;- Kincks Street, SOUTH RANDWICK.

C.E.W.
21/7/19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

Sd
6/11/19

UNOFFICIAL BURIAL REPORT FOR HEADQUARTERS

A.I.F.
15th Btn/

LIHOU
James 5715.

Killed in Action 18.9.18

On La Vignier. Bellenglise Believed Probably buried while advancing
at C.C.S. Peronne or Doignot.

London.
22.5.19.
J.E.A.
6.10.19.