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# 3388 Private George Thomas Hoskins

## 45th Battalion



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A.I.F. 45.

HOSKINS, G.F. 3388.

K. Oct 13th 1917. Dets.

Hoskins came over with me from Australia. On Oct 13th we were in the line at Zonnebeke when he was hit by a piece of shell in the forehead and killed instantly. Particulars of his death were given to me by Pte C.Cox of B.VI. The Battn Padre would be the most likely man to give information repsectin the burail as he keeps a list of all interments.

Inf: F.T.Wedlock. 3469. C.XI.
No. 7 Stat Hosp.
BOULOGNE. 15.1.18.

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written Cox
23.1.18

45th Battn.
A.I.F.

HOSKINS,
G.T. 3388

"Killed in Action 13.10.17."

Pte Cox had handed your letter to me Re 3388 Pte.G.F.Hoskins. He was in my platoon and shortly after his death I wrote to his next of kin, but evidently the letter has not reached his destination. He was killed in action by a high explosive shell in front of Zonnebeke on 13.10.17. I regret to say he was not buried in a soldiers' cemetery.but simply where he fell and his grave was marked. At the time conditions were too bad to permit of any dead being moved and nothing at all could be done in daylight. His grave would no doubt be registered by the people who look after such things, when the fighting had died down but when we were relieved it was still impossible do anything except what was absolutely necessary for the preservation of the line and the saving of the wounded. I would like to add for the sake of his people that the late Pte Hoskins was a fine soldier and very well liked by all who knew him . As for description, he was tall well made, clean shaven, had been a miner in civil life.

Letter from:- 2/Lt.J.F.Moroney,
B.Coy, 45th Battn A.I.F
4.4.18.

London.
13.3.18.

Killed near place (Hoskins)

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45th Battn.
A.I.F.

Hoskins.G.T. 3388
Noble.J.J. 4392

"K, 13.10.17"

I think Pte Chas. Wheelhouse Pltn.10.C.Coy. now at War Chest Club can give full details and will tell you Hoskins was buried near where he fell at Broodseinde. We all came over together.

Informant:- D.J.Seymour 3441
45th Battn.
Southall.

L.P.J.

London.
2.4.18.

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written Wheelhouse 8.4.18

45th Battn.
A.I.F.

Hoskins.
George Thomas 3388

"Killed in Action 13.10.17"

re 3388 G.T.Hoskins of my Unit. I was with the above named soldier when he was killed somewhere about 13.10.17. He was a man of fair complexion and 6ft in height. He was not buried in a soldiers' cemetery but on Passchendaele Ridge in the field. He left Aust: with the same Rfts. as myself, 9th/45th Battn.

Letter from:- 8471 Pte.C.F.Wheelhouse
45th Battn.
War Chest Club
10.4.18.

London.
16.4.18.

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George Thomas Hoskins 9th Chest Club
45 Battalion
K in A. 13-10-17 9 7th Horsefery Rd SW

10/4/18.

To the,
Secretary,
W. M. Bureau,

Re your letter dated 8-4-18 regarding information of 3388. Hoskins (G.T.) of my Unit (45th) I was with the above named soldier when he was killed, somewhere about 13-10-17.

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Trusting the above information will be of value to you

I am

Yours Faithfully,

8471 Gnr C J Wheelhouse 45 Bat 44th

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G. T. HOSKINS
45 Batt
K/A 13-10-17
WR 4.3.18
4-3-18
Secretary
W. & M. Bureau
Aust Red Cross.

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Hoping above information
will be satisfactory

Yrs faithfully
J Mooney 2/Lt
B Coy
45 Bn
A.I.F.