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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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3130 Private
James Edward Hutley

4th Battalion



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4th Battn. A.I.F.

HUTLEY

Pte. ~~H.J.~~ J E 3130

Killed 29/4/18

Buried Meteren Military Cemetery, 10½ miles S.W. of Ypres, 111.34E SSP. 3675/1

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

Melbourne

18/12/19

A.I.F. 4th Bttn. HUTLEY.
J.E. 3130.

"Killed 29-4-18."

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Informant:- 6513 Sig. H.L. Larsen,
4th A.I.F.
Dartford.

A.G.Campbell.
London.
10-7-18. P.I.

4th Battn: Hutley, J.E. 3130.

K. 29/4/18.

We were at H.Q. (left of Metheran) in a barn when a shell struck it killing Hutley (B. Company) instantaneously and wounding 8 others. I was about 25 yards away at the time in the Cook-house. I saw Hutley buried just to the left of the barn together with Bert Cassidy who had been killed the day before (28th). No cross was erected up to the time I left next day.

4th Battn: Colliver, J.K.Pte. 7213

11 A. Dartford. 13/7/18.

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A.I.F. 4. HUTLEY, J.E. 3130.

K. April 29th 1918. Dets D/B.

Hutley was a signaller, and had been transferred from my Co.H.Q. to Battn H.Q. Towards the end of April he was at Battn H.Q. behind Meteren when in the early morning a shell hit the top of the barn in which he was and wounded about seven and killed Hutley. He was buried about 100 yards from where he was killed, in the 1st Brigade Cemetery on the left of the mainroad as you go from Fletre to Meteren. I have seen his grave. He was a little freckly faced fellow looked about 19 but was older-very smart and neat in his dress.

Inf: Pte H.L.Thompson. 6338. B.VII.
No. 54 Gen Hosp.
BOULOGNE. 24.7.1918. JT

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Havre. 13th. July. 1918.

4th. Australians. Hutley, J. E. 3130.

K. April. 29/1918. Date. D/B.

I knew Private Hutley, H.Q. Scout. He was killed by a shell near Flete while in a barn along with myself & a number of men attached to H.Q. I saw his body wrapped in a blanket & I also saw his Grave with a Cross on it in the Military Cemetery between Flete & Meteren. For location of Grave see Map Sheet 27 S. E. & 36 Reference K. 1. D. 2. 6.

Inf:- Private. E. H. Pyne. 1808.
4th. Australians. H.Q. Scout.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

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RDM.

CP.

4th A.I.F.

Hutley. J.E. 3130.

(K. Ap.29/18)

"He was killed outright by a shell and buried at Batt. H.Q. at Flee? (? spelling) near Meteren. Pte. Walter Miller 4. A.I.F. H.Q. Cook, was wounded by the same shell, came to England, and has not yet rejoined the Battn. Hutley was young, short, and dark, and came with about the 12th reinforcement. We called him Jack. He was attached to H.Q. Scouts and was formerly in B.Coy. VII Fl."

Eyewitness: No. Told by: Pte. Walter Miller. 4 A.I.F. H.Q.Cook.

Description:

Informant: Sgt. A.A. Gamond. 1409. 4th A.I.F. B. VIII formerly VII. S.African Military Hoppital, Richmond Park.

25.7.18.
A.G.Campbell.

6d P.1

Hutley 3130

4th Batn
B. Coy.

Details of death and burial wanted by

Mrs Hutley
146 Leabeeden Rd
Watford
Herts.

HOSPITAL St. Thomas's

INFORMATION

Fill in exactly as List.	SURNAME.	Christian Name.	Regtl.No.	Rank
	Fisher	W. G.		Lt.

GIVEN F

	SURNAME	Christian Name.	Regtl.No.	Rank
	Frederick	H	338	Pte

STATEMENT OF

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NOTE. *In all cases state fully what informant says he saw or heard and give DATE AND PLACE of occurrence.*

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I saw Lt. W. G. Fisher Killed
in a rear trench at Bonnay

PLEASE ALSO ANSWER

1. Was Informant Eye-Witness?	Yes	2. If not, g of the
3. Was the ground held or lost?	Held	4. If Inform (a) was d (b) was th
5. Did Informant know Christian Name, Initials or No. of man enquired about?	Knew Name + Rank	6. Was ther name i
7. Give Informant's description of man enquired about—any nickname, marks, scars, etc.	age about 30 years Dark + of heavy build	
8. *Searcher's opinion of Informant's accuracy and intelligence*	Good	

Reports should always be written very clearly in ink, or typewritten.

146 Leavesden Rd
Watford
Herts
July 14th 1918

Dear Miss Deaken
I received your
letter with grateful
thanks for your
kind enquiries
Concerning my
dear Son -
The description
is quite Correct

And I am Thankfull
to know That he was
Instantly Killed
and to Know the
Spot where he lies.
Thanking you for
your kind Sympathy
I am
Yours Sincerly
Mrs L. L. Butler

3130 L. Butler 4 Bth

July 12th, 1918.

Mrs. Hutley,
146, Leabeadon Road,
Watford, Herts.

Dear Madam,

With reference to your enquiry concerning -

3130 Pte. J.E. HUTLEY, 4th Battalion, A.I.F.

We beg to inform you that we have received the following unofficial report from 6813 Sign.H.L. Larson, 4th Battalion, 3rd Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Dartford.

He states:- "I had been repairing lines in a big farm, about a mile from Mont du Cats, which was used as Battalion H/Qs from April 28 - May 1/18, while we were in reserves, and at about 9 p.m. on April 29th just as I was coming out of the billet a shell exploded in it killing Hutley outright and wounding 2 other men fatally. He was taken to the D/S which was at another farm about 100 yards away and buried in a paddock there. The grave is registered He was a short fairish man of about 28 and the only Hutley in the Battalion. He was a H/Q signaller."

We are continuing our enquiries and hope to send you still further particulars at a later date.

Assuring you of our sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(MISS)

SECRETARY.

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Mrs.Hutley,
146, Leabesden Road,
Watford,
Herts.

5th August,1918.

Dear Madam,

In further answer to your enquiry for:-

3130 Pte.J.E.Hutley, 4th Battn. A.I.F.

We beg to inform you of additional unofficial evidence we have received from men of his unit and which we trust will be of some assistance to you.

6338 Pte.H.L.Thompson, when in the 54th General Hospital, B.E.F. stated that Pte.Hutley who was a Signaller, was at Battalion Headquarters behind Meteren, in the early morning, near the end of April, when a shell hit the top of the barn in which he was, wounding several men and killing him. He was buried about 100 yards from where he fell, in the 1st Brigade Cemetery, on the left of the main road from Fletre to Meteren, and Pte.Thompson has seen his grave. He described your son as small and very smart and neat in his appearance, with a freckled face.

1808 Pte.N.H.Pyne, who was interviewed in an Australian Camp in France, confirmed the nature of Pte.Hutley's death and added that he has seen his grave in the Military Cemetery between Fletre and Meteren - the map location of which is 27 S.E. 8 36, Reference X1. D. 2.6.

Should we obtain further details of your son's death, we shall advise you, and trust that it will be some consolation to you to have these further assurances of his instantaneous death.

With our sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

SECRETARY.

L.A.A.