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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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1843 Private
Magnus Hedley
Hutchison

35th Battalion



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35th Batta
A.I.F.

HUTCHISON,
M.H. 1843

"Killed in Action."

Killed in Action 4.4.18.

Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs List 8.5.18.

London.

9.5.18.

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35th Battalion. A.I.F.

Hutchinson. M.H. Pte. No.1843.

No.15.Platoon. "D" Coy.

Killed April 4th 1918. Det D.&E.

I saw him killed instantly by a bullet in the head, this happened during the advance on the village of Villers Brettoneux. I could not say what became of his body. I knew him in the company and he came from Crystalbrook S. Australia.

Description. Height. 5-7. Comp. Fair. Build. Stout.

Witness. Sgt. Penn. J.R. No.1889. 35th Battalion.

Taken at
No.3.C.D. Hurdcott.
June 15th 1918.
S.W.

S. Whitmee,
No.4. Command Depot,
Hurdcott.

Boul

J.P.A.

5th Battn.
A.I.F.

HUTCHISON
M.H. 1843

"Killed 4-4-18"

He was in 15th Pltn. D.Coy., and was a Lewis Gun. Refer to Lt. McGinness, D.Coy. 35th Battn., who is at present in France, for he was with him at the time. I heard he was shot through the forehead, but I cannot give any further details.

Informant. Whelan. Pte. P.S. 3407
D.Coy. 35th Battn.,
3rd A.A.H.,
DARTFORD.

Note:-

Written Lt. McGuinness 20-6-18

A. Oman
London
21-6-18

Boul.

35th Battn.
A.I.F.

HUTCHISON
M.H. 1843

"Killed 4-4-18"

L/Cpl. W. Lock, 35th Battn. D.Coy. 15th Pltn., was alongside him when he was killed outright by a bullet during our counter attack at Villers-Bretonneux on the evening of 4-4-18, and told me about it at the dressing station. Hutchison was in D.Coy. 15th Pltn., initials H.H., about 5'5", and 24, dark, nuggety. Was from 52nd or 53rd Battn., and came to us at Larkhill. We called him "Mick".

Informant. Milson. C/S/M G.V. 1187
35th Battn. D.Coy.
HAREFIELD.

Note:-

Written L/Cpl. Lock 26-6-18

A.G. Campbell
London
27-6-18
H.G.

Boul.

35th Batt. A.I.F.

Hutchison, M.H. Pte. NO. 1843.

D.Coy.

Killed April 4th 1918. Det, D.B.

I saw him killed instantly by a bullet hitting him in the head, this happened during a counter attack at Villers Bretonneux, I could not say if he was buried, the ground was held so it is most likely he would be buried. I knew him well in the coy, he was on the L.M.G, with me. He came from South Australia.

Description. Age. 25. Height. 5-7. Complexion. Fair. Nuggety Built.

Witness. Pte. Perfect. G.P. NO. 3441. D.Coy. 35th Batt.

Taken at
NO. 3.C.D. Hurdcott.
25-4-18.
F.G.H.

S. Whitmee.
NO. 4. Command Depot
Hurdcott.

S.A.

Boul

35th Battn. A.I.F.

HUTCHISON. M. H.
1843.

"Killed 4.4.18."

He was a pal of mine and was killed outright alongside me by a M.G. bullet through the head during a German attack in front of Villers Bretonneux at about 3.30 p.m. in April /18. I understand that all the bodies were taken back and buried. I went over the ground the next day and they had then all been removed. He was in D. Co. XV. A short thickset man of about 25 with red complexion. We called him "Mick". He came from S. Australia and had been in the 43rd Batt. A.I.F. His number was 1843 (taken from notebook).

A. K. Campbell

London.

5.7.18.

J.E.A.

Informant:-

Armfield. Cpl. J. 2026.

35th Batt. A.I.F.

D. XV.

DARTFORD.

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35th Battn.

Hutchison, M.H. 1843.

K. 4/4/18.

We were counter attacking at Villers Bretonneux on the afternoon of April 4th. We were digging ourselves in and Mick Hutchison was only about 3 ft away from me, he was 2nd man on a Lewis gun, when he was sniped through the head and killed at once. I do not know where he was buried.

35th Batt;

Monaghan, A.W.Pte. 3343.

13 A. Dartford. 5/7/18.

R.D.B.

Boul

J.H.

35th. Battn. A. I. F.

Hutchison, M. H. Pte. No. 1843.

D. Company. Lewis Gunner.

Killed. April 4th. 1918. Det. D/B.

About 4 p.m. on April 4th. we counter attacked at Villers Bretteux, ~~which~~ While digging in Hutchison was sniped through the head and died instantly. I was about 2 yards from him when this happened. We stayed there two hours and then advanced. I could not say what became of his body after. I knew him in the company, we used to call him Mick. I could not say where he came from.

Description. Height. 5-10. Complexion. Fair. Well Built.

Witness. Pte. Monaghan, A. W. No. 3343. D. Company. 35th. Battalion.

Taken at.

No. 3. C. D. Hurdcott.

1. 8. 18.

C. H. B.

C. H. Brown,
No. 4. Command Depot,
Hurdcott.

J.H.

Boul

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FRANCE.

35th BATT. A.I.F.

MUTCHISON. M.H. 1843.

A. April 4th. 1918. Det.

He came from South Australia and a fine fellow he was too. He was in D. Coy, XV Platoon. I saw him shot through the head during a counter attack in front of Villers Bretonneux; death was instantaneous. He was lying prone at the time and was just lifting his head and seemed to be in the act of loading his rifle when his head just fell forward and he was dead. I went up to him afterwards and made sure he was dead. He was most probably buried where he was killed.

ESL.

Ref --- Cpl E.A. Rollbush. 1901A.
No 2 Gen. Gen. Hospital.

J.E.A.

Boul

Le report. August 6th. 1918

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13th. August. 1918.

35th. Australians.

Hutchinson, H. H. 1843.

K. April. 4/1918. Dets. D/B.

I knew this man; he was in D. Company, 15th. Platoon, came from South Australia; single, real favourite in Coy, quiet disposition, dark, clean-shaven, medium build. We were making a counter attack at Villers Bretonneux. I saw him sniped in the head & killed instantly. I knew he was buried with others but I don't know where.

Inf:- Corporal. E. A. Rollbush. 1901A.
Australian Conv. Camp.
Rouelles.

WHB.

OP.

Hayre.

23rd. August. 1918.

35th. Australians.

Hutchinson, H. H. 1843.

K. April. 4/1918. Dets. D/B.

I knew him well; he was in my Platoon. I saw him lying dead, shot through the head at a place near Villers Bretonneux. I can't say if he was buried as we were retired the next day. He came from Western Australia. 5 feet 7, dark, thick set, age about 27/28, married.

Inf:- Corporal. J. P. Daley. 1108.
35th. Australians. D. H.Q.
H. S. 'Essequibo'.

QHR.

OP.

35th Battn.
A.I.F.

M.H.

HUTCHISON.
1843.

"Killed in Action 4-4-18"

Re 1843.Pte.L.H.Hutchison. I saw him killed instantly on the 4th April 1918 by a bullet through the forehead. I never knew the exact spot where he was buried, but it was somewhere near Villers Bretonneux. His number and initial I am not certain about, we always called him "Mick" K. He was short, broad, and fair. His home address is as follows:- Flangarilla, South Australia. He was in the same Lewis Gun Section as myself, and I was only 4 yards from him when he was killed, and I got wounded soon after the same day, so it is only what one of our section told me about his burial but I must say he never lingered or suffered one minute's pain.

Letter from:- 1169.L/Cpl.W.Locke.
35th Battn. A.I.F.
No 1 Command Depct.
SUTTON VEENY. 19-8-18.

London.
2-9-18.
J.F.A.

Boul.

A.I.F. 35th Bn

HUTCHISON
Magnus Hedley 1843

"E/A. 4-4-18"

No trace Germany
Cert. by Capt. Mills 10-10-19.

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Mr H. Hutchison

35th Battalion

35 Batta

Mail A.4.4.18

Letter

Boul

12/5/18

Dear Sir

Re your letter of enquiry of 11/5/18

Hutchison I am sorry to hear that you were injured at the 4th of 1918
by a bullet through the forehead

I never knew the exact

spot where you were injured but it was somewhere about

Williamstown

In a number of months I am not certain

whether you were called "mickie" or "mickie" or "mickie"

Dear

as a result of the following

South Australia

He was in the same gun section as myself when

40 yards from him when he was killed & I got

wounded soon after the same day so it is only what

one of our section told me about his burial but I must

say he was lying on a stretcher on a stretcher

I am

Yours faithfully

11/6/18 L. Officer W. L. L. L.

35th Battalion New Guinea