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**4503 Lance Corporal
Charles Hutchings**

2nd Battalion



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2nd Battn.
A.I.F.

Hutchings.
Charles 4503

Died of Wounds 27.10.17 Buried at the Asylum - Ypres.

M.A. Searcher at H.Qrs.

11.4.18.

London.
12.4.18.

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2nd Battn.
A.I.F.

Hutchings. C. 4503
Hope. L.M. 3075
Hosey. P.J. 1046

"Died of Wounds 27.10.17"

I had a letter from ¹⁵⁰⁷ J. Mackie, 2nd Battn. D.Coy. XVI which told me that Hope, Hosey and Hutchings were killed. He could give information. Hope was a Sig. Hosey B.Coy. Hutchings D.Coy. XVI

Informant:- J.E.H. Nicholson 1066
2nd Battn. D.Coy. XVI
Hut 11 Westham.

W.A. Rand

London.
1.3.18.

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W.A. Mackie
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2nd Battn.
A.I.F.

HUTCHINGS,
C. 4503

"Died of Wounds 27.10.17."

Was in C.Coy, 10th Pltn, called "Charlie". I saw him knocked by an aeroplane bomb while in a tent at Chateau Belge, when we picked him up we knew there was no chance of him living. He was taken to Ypres and word came back the next day that he had died. I don't know where he was buried.

Informant:- J.C.Roberts, 6074,
2nd Battn,
Harefield.

W.G.H.

London.

5.4.18.

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2nd Battn.
A.I.F.

HUTCHINGS,
C. 4503,

"Died of Wounds 27.10.17."

Hutchings was wounded by a bomb from a Fritz aeroplane, dropped on the tents at Café Belge about 1½ miles from Ypres. I was right in amongst it and got out without a scratch. He was taken away to a Dressing Station, by stretcher bearers. I can't say which, but it was close handy. I cannot describe the wounds he got. I heard he died and believe he is buried at Belgian Battery Corner Cemetery, but I cannot say if cross erected I did not see the grave and we moved a day or so after he was wounded.

Informant:- E.C. Tyson. ⁶833,
2nd Battn, B.Ccy,
Hut 10,
Westham

W.A. Rand.

London. 6.4.18 .

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2nd Battalion. A.I.F.
14th Reinf.

HUTCHINGS. C.
L/Corporal, No.4503.

"Died of Wounds 27.10.17".

Informant described Hutchings as about 5'10" high, well built, fair complexion, aged about 25/26. An Englishman by birth and had not been long in Australia.

Informant states that they both belonged to "C" Company No.10 Platoon. On or about 27.10.17 the Battalion was in tents at Belgian Chateau behind Ypres. About dusk there was a German Air Raid and three bombs were dropped on the camp. Informant was in a tent with Hutchings and seven others and had just gone out for a short time when a bomb fell on the adjoining tent and fragments hit all the remaining occupants of the tent, that Informant had just left, killing two of them and wounding the others including Hutchings. He was hit and was unconscious. Informant and Ossy Baker put him on a stretcher and he was taken to the Dressing Station. It was afterwards learned that he had been subsequently taken to a Casualty Clearing Station and died there. He was certain to have been buried, probably at Poperinghe.

According to Informant Hutchings was well thought of by his mates.

Informant:- Private C.S.Har brow, No.6525,
"C" Company, 2nd Battalion.

Home Address:- Old Junee,
N. S. W.

W.E.G.

No.4, Australian General Hospital,
Randwick. 15.7.18.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

A.I.F.
2nd. BATTALION.
14th Reinforcements.

HUTCHINGS, L/Corporal
C - 4503.

"DIED OF WOUNDS 27/10/17."

I knew Hutchings very well, he and I were in C Company 10th Platoon together, 4503 would be about his number. His name was Charlie, and he was a Lance Corporal, he was about 5ft. 11ins., fair, thick set. He came from a country district. He was wounded in an air raid just before we attacked at Passchendaele near Chateau Segar a white Chateau near Ypres. I was in the same tent at the time. He was wounded in the head, and was unconscious when taken away. I heard the next day that he had died of his wounds. I was afraid there was no hope when I saw him carried away. I believe he was buried at the Aid Post near the above chateau.

Informant - Private H.W. Brown - 6712,
2nd Battalion, C Company, 10th Platoon,
Home Address - 105 Marlborough Street,
Surrey Hills,
SYDNEY.

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No.4 Australian General Hospital,
RANDWICK.
4/10/18.

SYDNEY BUREAU.