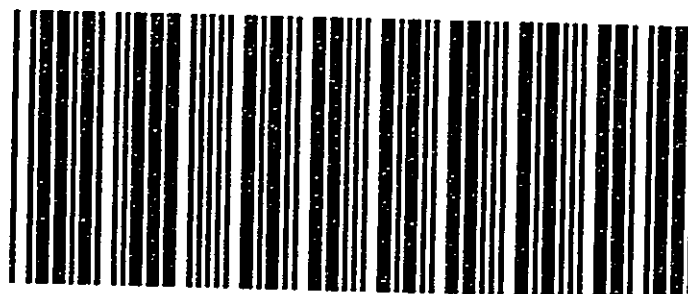


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Lieutenant
Joseph Finian Hilton

9th Battalion



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HILTON, Lieut. J. F.

K. February 25th, 1917.

On the date named I saw him blown to pieces by a shell in front of La Barge. It was only about 100 over the top. He was absolutely dismembered and of course killed instantly. I was 60 yards away. It was about $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 in the afternoon. He was leading a machine gun team and I am quite positive it was Lieut. Hilton.

Reference:- T. J. Burton. 1920. 9.A.
No. 4 A.D.B.D.

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HILTON, Lt. J. F.

K. February 25th, 1917.

He was killed by a shell to the left of Fiers near the mine on February 25th. He was leading a party out at the time over the parapet. He had got some little distance out when the shell caught him. I saw this happen. We were driving a sap from our front line at the time toward the German lines. He was blown absolutely to pieces. I saw the scatter of pieces made by the shell. I knew him well by sight. He came over from Australia with my reinf. the 17th to the 9th battn.

Reference:- Pte. G. H. Chim. 5351. B. Coy.
No. 4 A.D.B.D.

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29th May 1917.

9th AUSTRALIANS

WILSON; Pte J.F.

K. 25.2.17. Det. D/B.

He was a Machine Gun Officer. He was blown to pieces by a high explosive shell at Transloy out in the open at daylight. I saw this. His remains were not recovered.

Informant: Pte H.F. Simpson; 2451A
9th Australians, B Co.
H. 84 Hessequibo.

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9th A.I. F.

Hilton, Lieut J.F.

(K. Feb 25/17. Det D & B)

"About 2 p.m. on ~~Sun~~ Sunday, Feb. 25th we were advancing by
Flers when a shell dropped close to Lieut Hilton and blew him to
pieces. We continued our advance."

Eye-witness:

Description:

Informant: Pte F.H. Scott, 6520,
9th A. I. F., A. Coy. III Plat.,
No. 1 City of London Military Hosp.,
Clapton.

Home address:
Post Office,
Taroon,
via Juanda,
Queensland.

Scott
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10th June 1917.
C.E. Dyer.

8th A. I. F.,

Hilton, Lieut. J.F.,

K. Feb. 25th, Dets. D/B.

"At le Barque near Bapaume on the 25th February 1917, Sunday Morning about 11 o'clock. We had taken some trenches in the night and went over in the morning to take some more. The Lieut. was killed by a shell just after we went over. I was told by some of the men in his Coy. as I was not an eye witness. I believe he was buried at Le Barque as some of our officers were buried there. I knew him. Pte. Giggins of A.Coy., 9th A.I.F., also told me the same story of Lieut. Hilton's death."

Eye Witness: No, told by men of his Company.

Description: 5ft.9ins or 10ins. fairly dark hair.

Informant:-- Pte. Leslie McDonald, A/1693,
9th A.I.F., C.Coy., IX pltn.,
3rd London General Hosp:
Wandsworth, S.W.

Home address:-- Australian Military Offices.

11.6.17.
E. Liddell.

9th A. I. F.,

Hilton, Lieut. Joseph,

K. Feb. 25th 1917.

Det: D/B.

"Lieut. Hilton was blown clean up in the air by a shell and the only thing that came down was his leather waistcoat. He was one of my best friends and the cleanest and whitest man God ever made. It happened in an attack in front of Le Baque."

Eye Witness: No, told by Hilton's servant who was present.

Description: Medium height and colouring, and Roman Catholic.

Informant:-- Lieut. Brown,
9th A.I.F.,
3rd London General Hosp:
Wandsworth, S. W.

Home address:-- Australian H.Q.

Du Vermet.
11.6.17.

Smith
B. G.

9th Battn.

A. I. P.

Hilton.

Lieut. J. P.

"Killed 25.2.17."

I saw him blown up in the air in front of Le Sars as we were following up the enemy after their evacuation. Had known him for about six months. I am a L.M.G. of C. Coy. and he had been over us. He was attached to H.Q. I am quite certain about him.

Witness:-

L.P.J.

E. L. Smith. 3929.

London.

9th Battn.

11.6.17.

Hartford.

B.

9th A. I. F.,

Hilton, Lieut. J.F.,

K. February 25th 1917.

Det: D/B.

"I saw Lieut. Hilton blown to pieces by a shell as we were advancing on Signey Telly ? on February 25th 1917. It was in the afternoon and I was only 50 yards away. I know nothing of his burial, probably he was scattered and no burial possible, but parties were sent out at dusk to collect the bodies and fragments."

Eye Witness: Yes.

Description:

Informant:-- Pte. A. Hubbard, 237,
11th A. I. F., A. Company,
Richmond Military Hosp:
Surrey.

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B Ld.*

Home address:--

12.6.17.
H.Hastings.

9th Australian Imperial Force

Hilton. Lieut. J.F.

(I. 25 Feb. 1917. Dets D & B)

" Hilton was killed by shell fire, blown to pieces about a mile behind Le Barque in what was known as The Maze, and buried where he fell. "

Eye Witness - Yes.

Description

Informant :- Lieut. R. H White.
9th Aus. Imp Force.

3rd London General Hosp
Wandsworth, S. E.

Home address :-

Chalmer.

Mr. Brisbane,
Australia.

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THE NAME: A.I.F.

MILTON, ALBERT, I.F.

9th Batt.

Killed Feb. 25/17. Det. D./B.

"I saw Lieut Milton killed on the 25th Feb./17. about 4-50 p.m. in No Man's Land during the advance on Le Barque on the left of Hesperus. He was killed by a high explosive shell while trying to establish a machine-gun position. He was blown to pieces and burial was impossible. He had been with the Battalion some time and I understand came from Queensland"

Description. Age about 30, rather fair, Height 5'9", slight build.

Witness.

Pte A. Head, No. 3567a, orig. "A" Coy, 9th Batt. now "C" Coy, 89th Batt.

Murdock.

24th July, 1917.

S.F.

No. 4 Command Depot,
- Godford.

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A.I.F.

HINTON
Lieut. J.F.

"Killed 25.2.17."

I saw this officer killed instantly by a shell just after the attack at Butte - de Wallencourt. He was leading his men and they had just gone over the top when the high explosive caught him. I saw him taken away for burial at a place about 500 yards behind the front line. I did not see his grave. We were relieved and went out. Lieut. Hinton was 23-24 years and from Queensland.

Witness. S. Jeffreys. 2592
D. Coy. HdQtrs. L.M.G.S.
Perham Down Camp

A.R. McPhee.
London.
28.8.17.

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