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**1140A Lance Corporal
William Hogan**

5th Battalion



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A.I.F. 5Bat.

Hogan, W. 1140

K.A.P. 23/18
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We were at Metherin, just at stand-down, 5 a.m., but I cannot remember date. I was standing alongside of Hogan, almost, when a 6 in. shell nearly blew him to pieces, while Corp. R. Frew, No. 3820, who was also with us, had his head taken off.

Hogan was buried by the explosion, but we dug him out and buried him with Frew just outside of the trench.

Hogan was a Victorian, and had been on Anzac. He was a farmer, tall, and about 22, dark hair.

Just before Hogan was killed, Frew pushed past him in the trench and said: "You are like a retired Colonel: you want all the room."

Inf: Wadeson, Priv. F. No. 4337, 5Bat. A. Coy, 2 platoon.

G.F.G.

Dartford
23/8/18.

M
3d
5th

5th Btn.

HOGAN, W.
Pte. 1140.

K. in act. 23/4/18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a tall man, well built, medium complexion, about 22 years of age, known as "Bill".x Casualty was in the front line at Hetterin on post duty. Two of our own shells fell short and exploded in the trench killing Casualty instantly. I was 20 yds. away at the time the shell exploded. He was buried at Borre Cemetery and I saw his grave. A cross was erected with his name, number and unit on it."

Informant:-

Pte. T. E. Webb,
No. 3319, 5th Btn.

Private address:-

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Ararat.

T.C.F.
7/2/19.

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HOGAN
Wm.

Pte. No. 1140
5th Btn.

"Killed in Action 23/4/18"

Lient. C. Henderson, A. Coy., 5th Battalion, wrote as follows - "Pte. W. Hogan was killed at 5.25 a.m. on the morning of the 23rd April, 1918, at Nord Helf, near Shazule, by a shell, which also killed another Cpl. If he had come out all right I should have recommended him for decoration for good work but it was not to be. I had a cross erected over the grave and sent his personal effects to Battalion."

11/10/18

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Havre

10th July 1918.

A.I.F. 5.

Hogan W. No. 1440.
Frew Cpl R. 3820.

K. 23rd April 1918. Det D/B.

Hogan was a L/Cpl and both were in A III. They were killed by the same shell in our front line near Meteren about the 23rd April 1918. I saw their graves on the parapet of our front line trench. There was a cross on each grave.

Inf:- Sergt. P.V.D. Warr No. 47
A.I.F. 5. A. I.
Austra. Conv. Depot.
Rouelles.

RIM.

Havre.

12th. July. 1918

5th. Australians.

Hogan, W. 1140.
Frew, Corporal. R. 3820.

K. April. 23/1918. Dets. D/B.

I know Corporal Robert Frew & L/Corporal William Hogan, both in A. Company, 2nd. Pltn. I was on the next post to them at Meteren on April 23rd. 1918 early in the morning, dark, in our front line when they were killed instantly by the same shell. I could see them both lying dead. Frew was hit in the head. I was they were buried near where they were killed. I saw two crosses at Company H.Q. which were made by our Pioneers. Sergeant J. Dixon, H.Q. Clerk, will be able to give location of Grave.

Inf:- Sergeant. E. G. Adair. 3448.
5th. Australians. A.
Australian Conv. Camp.
Rouelles.

RIM

OP.

AGI.F. 5.

HOGAN, W. 1140.

K. April 23rd 1918.

He was in A.II. and was buried on the right of ~~Materon~~ Materon in the same grave with Gpl. Frew. They had been killed by the same shell and being friends of mine I went to see their grave. The grave was pointed out to me by some of those who were present when he was killed. Grave was not marked with a cross. About 6 feet, brownish hair, clean shaven, rather slim for his height, clean shaven features and joined the Batten August 1915.

Inf: E.E. Hughes. 5128. A.III.

No. 13 Gen Hosp.

BOULOGNE. 12.7.1918.

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J.E.A.

M

Havre

13th July 1918.

A.I.P. 3.

Hogan W. No. 1140.

K.23rd April 1918. Det D/R.

I knew him from being in the same company. He was medium build, and had nothing to distinguish him. On the 23rd April we were in supports in front of Materen. One of our own shells fell short, and hit Hogan knocking him to pieces. I helped to collect the remains and they were buried in the open behind the trench and it was marked by a cross.

Inf:- Pte W.P. Scott No. 7560.
A.I.P. 3. A. III.
Austra. Conv. Depot.
Rouellies.

CHEG.

J. a

M

PP.

HOGAN

Wm.

Pte. No. 1140
5th Btn.

"Killed in Action 23/4/18"

Chaplain Captain C. Neville 5th Battalion, on the 4th May wrote as follows - "L/Cpl. W. Hogan, was killed by an enemy shell whilst on duty at his forward post. The same shell also killed his comrade beside him. He could not have lived very long after being hit. It was impossible at the time to bring back bodies for burial, and we were compelled to bury them near where they fell. His grave has been registered by me and will be cared for and preserved. The Battalion has placed a cross suitably inscribed over it. The military map location of the spot is Sheet 27.X.25 C.I.I. It is near a little village called Moolenacker and in the neighborhood of Meteren, Flanders.

11/10/18

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5th Batt:

Hogan, W. 1140.

K. 23/4/18.

Pte. H. Nelson who is at present at Hurdcott (No: 8 Command Depot) told me he was wounded by the shell that killed Hogan instantaneously but he knew nothing of his burial.

5th Batt:

Power, G. Sgt. 2435.

A 8. Dartford. 5/7/18.

R.D.B.

no trace

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Walter Pte. Nelson 12.7.18:

Bayre.

8th. July. 1918.

8th. Australians.

✓ Hogan. W. 1140.
✓ Frew. Corporal. R. 3820.

K. April. 23/1918. Dets. D/B.

Corporal Robert Frew & L/Corporal William Hogan, of A. Coy 2nd. Platoon, were killed in April 1918 by the same shell to the left of Strassels in front of the Wood in an outpost & they were buried behind the trench. There is a Cross on each Grave. I was at the burial & could point out the spot.

Inf:- Private. A. J. Perry. 374B
8th. Australians. A 3.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

RDM.

5th (Devon)
A.I.F.

K/A 22-4-18.
K/A 23-4-18.

1140. W. HOGAN.
3850. Cpl. R. Frew.

Both men were killed by the same shell on April 23rd in the outposts on the right of Meteren and died instantaneously while on duty. Cpl Frew was my own section Commander and I knew him very well and was quite close to him when he was killed. Both he and I/Cpl Hogan were very smart and efficient soldiers and their loss is felt very keenly by their comrades. I/Cpl Hogan stood about 6ft. and had dark blue eyes. Cpl Frew was shorter - about 5ft 9ins. and was very broad. The burial of both were carried out by Cpl. Burke under the orders of Lieut Henderson and they were interred as far as I know just outside the outpost and not in a registered cemetery. I was not present at the burial.

Letter from:- Lts. H. Nelson. 1995.
5th Battn. A.I.F.
No 4 Command Depdt.
HURDCOTT.

London.
16-7-18.

M.

J. A.

S.I.P.
5th Btn.

HOGAN, W.

Pte. 1140

K. 23/4/18

I knew Casualty. He was a tall man, slightly built, fair complexion, about 24 years of age, known as "Bill". Casualty was in the Front Line trench in Front of Strazelle. A H.E. Shell one of our own exploded near Casualty killing him instantly. I was 4 yards away at the time the shell exploded and I saw Casualty's body immediately afterwards and examined him but he was beyond all aid. He was most severely wounded about the body and legs. He was buried where he fell and I helped to bury him. A Cross with his name, number and Unit on it was erected over the grave.

Informant:- Pte. J.T. Oppy, 2878
5th Btn.

Home address:- Logan St., Maryborough?

T.C.F.
16/5/19

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