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**2nd Lieutenant  
James Walter  
Thornley**

**13th Battalion**



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A.I.F.  
13th Btn. - B. Co.

THORNLEY, J.W.  
2nd Lieut.

K/ 11/4/17

At Bullicourt 11/4/17, we were advancing at the time and I saw Lt. Thornley hit by a shell and killed instantly. We retired later and I saw his body still lying there. I couldn't say what became of his body afterwards.

Informant:- Pte. J. Lee, 6090  
13th Btn. B. Co.

W.H. Hacker, Sgt.  
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A.I.F.  
13th Bttn.  
D.Co.

THORNLEY.  
2/Lt. J.W.

Killed 11.4.17.

Height 5'7", medium complex. age 33 yrs. Pte. Horner of 22nd Bttn. told me in this hospital that Lt. Thornley was killed by shell at Bullecourt on 11.4.17. His head was blown off. I don't know anything of burial. Horner is now at Weymouth.

Informant:- Pte. D.W. Irvine. 6055.

13th Bttn. D.Co. 15th Pltn.

Home address:-

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Dartford. 16.4.19.

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13th BATTALION, A.I.F.  
19th RFTs.

THORNLEY, 2nd Lieutenant  
J.W.

"Killed 11/4/17"

The Lieutenant was Informant's Platoon Commander.

On 11/4/17 the Battalion was in action at Bullecourt. They hepped over early in the morning and made progress, but were afterwards driven back. About 2 p.m. after they had got back to their starting point a shell fell amongst a group of which the Lieutenant was a member and killed him outright. Informant was about 50 yards away and was wounded by the same shell.

According to Informant the Lieutenant was a most popular Officer.

Informant;- 6238, Private F.W. Creamer,  
13th Battalion.

Private address;- Woodstock, South Coast.

W.R.G.  
Anzac Buffet, Sydney.  
20/5/19.

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