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5035 Corporal
Ernest Henry Hinton

1st Battalion



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1st Battalion, A.I.F. HINTON R.R. Cpl. No. 5035.

"Killed In Action, 2/10/17."

Informant described Hinton as about 5 feet 7 inches high, medium in build, fair complexion, aged about 25. He came from Wagga.

Informant states that they both belonged to "C" company 7th Platoon. On the 2/10/17, the Battalion was in action at Bullecourt, attacking that place which was captured. About noon, when they were near Bullecourt, but before it was captured, Hinton was killed outright by a shell. Informant was alongside him at the time, and saw him fall. He also saw him about 48 hours later at the Clearing Station. As Informant knew Hinton very well, he asked that he be taken to Rouen for burial, and his request was acceded to. He was buried at the 31st General Hospital at Rouen, and Informant was present at the burial service. The Service was conducted by a Chaplain, and Informant asked him to read the hymn "Lead Kindly Light" over the grave, which was done. Informant saw the grave afterwards. It had a cross on it. Informant also saw a photo of the grave.

According to Informant, Hinton was a very well liked chap.

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I knew Corporal Hinton, C. Coy. 9th. Bltn, about 22, medium height, solid build, reddish com-plexion, clean-shaven, came from the Country Districts, N. S. Wales. He was on an ammunition party with me on the night before the hop-over early in October at Menin Road in front of Polygon Wood. We were returning when day broke & Fritz shelled us & we scattered. Hinton was the only man that failed to get back. It was reported that he was killed. I do not know where he was buried

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