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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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Major Archibald Bellairs Higgon

Royal Field Artillery



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M E D

Royal Field Artillery,
Higgon Major A.B.,
(att. Aus. Div.)

(K.Sept. 10/'15 Confirmation asked)

Informant states that on Sept. 10th at 6 a.m., a sniper shot Major Higgon and blew his brains out. They buried him, marking his grave with a cross, at No. 2 Outpost. Informant states that Major Higgon was their Major and belonged to the 69th Brigade, D. Battery.

Reference: G. Ward, 33972,
Royal Field Artillery,
Minian Park Hospital,
Cardiff.

London, Oct. 25th, M.C. Littledale.

Home address:
4 Freeze Row,
New Wellington, County Durham.

Moore's Modern Methods, Ltd. London, England. Binder and holes in leaves. Pat'd No. 6774, 1906.

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69. Batt: Royal Field Artillery, D.Coy.

Higgon, Major, A.B.

K. Sept. 10. Confirmation & details asked.

Informant states that on Sept 10th at No. 3. Outpost, Anzac, Major Higgon was shot through the head. Informant helped to carry in the body. Major Higgon was buried. It was light at the time.

Reference:-- S. W. Rolfe, 94913,
Royal Field Artillery.
No. 2. London General Hospital,
(Still in Hospital)

LONDON,
October 25th.,
Gordon Canning.

Moore's Modern Methods, Ltd., London, England. Binder and holes in leaves. Pat'd No. 6774, 1906.

Australian file.

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R.F.A.	K. Sept. 10. Confirmation asked.	Major A.B. Higgon (att. Aust. Div.)

He was looking at a map about Sept.10 in the first line trench observation station with 2 other officers. A bullet came through the sandbag and hit him on the head. He died at once. He was buried the same night near No.2. post. Informant was present.

Cpl. F.Clarke 96015
D Battery 69 Bge R.F.A.

MALTA All Saints 9.11.15.
R.M.O'R.D.

R.F.A.
D.Battery.69th Bge.
att. Australians.

HIGGON.
Major. A.B.

"Any details of his Grave."

"Your letter of 18th March just to hand. Reference Major A.B. Higgon's grave. This Cemetery has been located, but unfortunately all crosses have been removed. As the Cemetery is only a smallone. ~~As the Cemetery is only~~ the graves can be identified. The information relating to this I am at present working on. Working parties are now engaged in putting all Cemeteries in order and erecting crosses. The exact location of Cemetery, which is called "Small New Zealand Cemt" nr No 2 Outpost, is alongside Suvla-Anzac Road on South Bank of Chailak Dua, 500 feet from No 2 Outpost Cemetery at a bearing of 319."

Letter from:- C.E.Hughes.
Anzac. 18.4.19.

London.
14.5.19

P.I.

R H D

Royal Field Artillery K.Sept.10. Major A.B.Higgon
? Batt. Confirmation asked. (att. Aus.Div.)

The informant was present when he was buried at night close by the Battery at No.2. outpost on the Suvla Bay side. He was killed on Sept.9. and buried at 9 o'clock on the same evening. The service was read over him by a Church of England Chaplain. The grave was marked with a cross. He had been killed instantaneously by a bullet in the back of the head whilst he was at the observation station, but the informant did not witness his death.

Gunner T.Martindale 92026
R.F.A. (D Battery)

MALTA St. Patrick's 29.10.15

R.H.D.

"Only details of his grave"

Anzac

D Battery 69th Bde 18 4 19

Major A.B. Higgon R.F.A attached Australians

Dear Miss Deakin

Your letter of 18 March just to hand. Reference Major A.B. Higgons grave. This Cemetery has been located, but unfortunately all crosses have been removed - as the Cemetery is only a small one the graves can be identified - The information relating to this I am at present working on. Working parties are now engaged in putting all Cemeteries in order & erecting crosses.

The exact location of Cemetery which is called, "Small New Zealand Cemt." W. No 2 Outpost, is along side Suvla - Anzac Road on South Bank of Chailak Dere 500 feet from No 2 Outpost Cemetery at a bearing of 319°: Trusting this will be the information you require

Yours faithfully A.B. Higgons

Re Major A. B. Higgon

D/69th Bde. R.F.A.

Balhary,
Meigle,
Perthshire.

Ayrshire
May 16: 19.

Dear Miss Whybrow,

I am most grateful for your very kind letter, & for the copy of dear Hughes' which you enclosed. It was very good of Miss Deakin to remember me in the midst of all her own affairs, and of you to do so too. If it is not troubling you too much, I

should be most truly grateful if Lieut. Hughes could get the grave photographed for me, & for any other details concerning it which he may be able to give later on - Miss Deakin was also good enough to give me the address of Miss Ethel Bage, who I believe hopes to go out to Gallipoli later on to visit her brother's grave - I have not liked to trouble her yet with a letter, but if she is still working in your office, I wonder if I might ask you to tell her how much obliged I shall be if she will let me know whenever she hears there is any likelihood of going - Of course I quite realise this will not be possible for some time yet, but I trust it will

become so in time.
I need hardly say that so far
I have heard nothing concerning
my husband's grave from our
own office at Winchester
House, therefore
you can imagine
how hard I appreciate all
you have done for me, and
how grateful I shall be for
any further news.
I hope Miss Deakin arrived
safely. Had a good voyage.
Yours sincerely
— Isobel Higgon —

Anzac.

Major A. B. Higgon

D. Battery. 69th Bde. R. F. A.

Killed Sept. 9th 1915.

Buried in the Officers' Cemetery situated near No. 2. Post. Anzac. (Map Ref. 80 M. 1. on the 1-20,000 scale map of Gallipoli.) Both English & N. Z. Officers were buried there.

Anyone who knew the ground between Mule Gulley and that leading to Chunuk Bair, will remember the ordnance stores and supply & transport stores situated there in Sept. 1915. The cemeteries (officers & men) are situated about 50 yds. on either side of where the stores then were.

Enquiries: Mrs A. B. Higgon (wife)

Balhary

Meigle. Perthshire.

18th March 1919

Lieut.C.E.Hughes,
A.I.F.
Care British Graves deg: Enq: Unit,
Kelid Bhar,
Gallipoli.

Dear Sir,

I trust you will forgive my troubling you on behalf of Mrs. A.B.Higgon widow of an English officer, who was unofficially buried in the officers cemetery near No.2 Post Anzac (map reference 80 M.1. on the 1-20,000 scale map of Gallipoli). Mrs. Higgon has been an active worker in the B.R.C.S. Enquiry Bureau and has been of great assistance to us in our work. She has repeatedly applied to D.G.R.E. Winchester House St.James' Sq, W.1 without result and I should be deeply obliged if you could either locate the grave of Major Higgon or in any way help Mrs.Higgon to do so. Naturally she is anxious that a cross should be erected and hopes later to visit the spot herself.

I enclose the particulars, which Mrs.Higgon has forwarded to me and can assure you any assistance you can render us in the matter will be deeply appreciated by both Mrs.Higgon and myself.

With sincere apologies for troubling you,

I remain,

Yours faithfully,
SECRETARY.

Mrs. A.B. Higgon.
Balhary.
Meigle. Perthshire.

May 28th, 1919.

Dear Mrs. Higgon.

I have received your letter of 16th and have written to Lieut. Hughes asking for a photograph of the grave of your husband Major. Higgon 69th Brigade. R.F.A. and any other information he may obtain and will let you know directly I hear from him or any one else concerning Major Higgon's grave.

I am writing to Miss Bage, but as far as I know at present, she has been able to make no plans about going to Gallipoli, but I will write and tell you her reply.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

SECRETARY. H.S.S.

May 28th, 1919.

Lieut. C.E.Hughes.
A.I.F.
C/o British Graves Reg.En.Unit.
Kelid Bhar. Gallipoli.

Dear Sir,

We beg to inform you that we have forwarded all the information you have been kind enough to send us concerning the grave of Major A.B. HIGGON. 69th Brigade, R.F.A., to his widow who is indeed most grateful for the information and she asks us to obtain a photograph of her husband's grave. We should therefore be very glad if you would be good enough to do so for her. Also any other information about the grave that you may learn at any time. Should you be unable to photograph Major Higgon's grave for some time or at any future date obtain some information it might assist you to have Mrs. Higgon's address which is :- "Balhary, Meigle. Perthshire." but we should prefer to have the information sent to us in the ordinary way.

With many apologies for troubling you and thanking you very much in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) [signature]

SECRETARY.