



William Thomas HINES

Regimental number	786
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Bush worker
Address	Craddock, Graman, New South Wales
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	21
Next of kin	Father, W Hines, Abernethy via West Maitland, New South Wales
Enlistment date	12 January 1916
Date of enlistment from Nominal Roll	8 December 1915
Rank on enlistment	Corporal
Unit name	33rd Battalion, C Company
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/50/1
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Sydney, New South Wales, on board HMAT A74 <i>Marathon</i> on 4 May 1916
Rank from Nominal Roll	Private
Unit from Nominal Roll	2nd Battalion
Fate	Killed in Action 18 September 1918
Place of burial	Jeancourt Communal Cemetery Extension (Plot II, Row B, Grave No. 23), France
Panel number, Roll of Honour, Australian War Memorial	33
Other details	War service: Western Front Medals: British War Medal, Victory Medal



A.I.F.
D. Coy. 2nd Btn.

HINES. Pte.
U.T. 786

Killed in Action 18.9.18.

"Pte. Hines was in my gun team, and went forward with us on the morning of the 18th of September last. He remained with me for about 1/2 an hour, and then, owing to the dense fog, we became separated. After the operation was over and we had settled down, he failed to turn up, and no one knew anything about him. Next day one of the search party, came across him, but not knowing whether he belonged to our company or not, left him. On his return he told me that he had seen Hynes lying dead and asked me if I knew anything about him. I obtained permission to go out and identify him, he was lying dead near the ruins of an old sugar factory, about half a mile from Hargicourt. On examining him we found he had been killed by a piece of shell, apparently through the heart, as there was a red stain on his left breast; there were no other signs of wounds on him. I took his paybook, wallet, and identity disc off him, leaving one disc for identification, and four of us carried him down near the road. When we returned to Coy Headquarters I reported his death, his exact position so that the pioneers could pick him up to bury him and handed in his papers.

As regards his grave, I do not know where he is buried, but as limbers were picking up the dead and burying them, he should be buried in a military cemetery at Jeancourt where a few of our boys lie, as regards this, 2nd Btn. H/Qs should be able to supply some information."

Letter from:- Geo. S. Strachan.

London.
9.4.19.
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Aust. Corps Central School.
France 3.4.19.
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20th. February 1919.

2nd. Australians.

Hines. W. T. 786.

K. September 18/1918. Dets. D/B.

He was killed by a H/Gun bullet when fetching prisoners out during the advance, when the Germans turned their H/Guns on the party. He was hit in the back and the left breast. I took all his belongings, and handed them in to H.Q's, and lifted him up out of a shell hole, to where he could be picked up by a burial party. He was buried in the Military Cemetery near Jeancourt.

Inf:- Pte. A. G. Charlton, 5058,
2nd. Australians. A. 3.
Austr. Demob. Base.

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