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EIFFE, J.K. 44461

Killed 4th. October, 1917

I knew Jack Eiffe well. We had just taken our first objective at Passchendaele and we were going over again when he was got by a sniper. We all thought that the sniper was trying to get our skipper and that the bullet got Eiffe instead. I passed by the body soon after. Eiffe had been hit through the heart and killed instantly. Cpl. Fitzer of Hawke's Bay Co. finished off the Hun who shot Eiffe and he could tell you about it. We went on in the advance and I do not know anything about the burial of the dead on this occasion.

Reference: R.H. McQueen 39872 H.B. Co.
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9th. March, 1918

Eiffe was in my platoon and I knew him very well as we came out together. At break of day on 4th. October, 1917, we went over for an attack on Abraham Heights at Passchendaele and soon after we started the advance, Eiffe was hit by a Fritz sniper and was killed instantly. I was only a short distance from him when it happened. He was buried on the field next morning, a padre conducting a brief service, and no doubt a cross would have been put on his grave to mark the spot.

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