

Surname	Hinckesman
Forename	John William
Initials	J W
Age	27
Honours/Awards	
Date died	27/10/1917
Rank	Lieutenant
Regiment	Canadian Infantry
Unit/Squadron	47 th BN.
Service Number	
Cemetery/Memorial	Tyne Cot Memorial
Grave Reference	XXXVI.E.24
Further Information	Second son of the late John William Hinckesman, of Hadley, Droitwich, England; husband of Eva C. Hutchison (formerly Hinckesman), of 19, Ingleston Place, Greenock, Scotland. Had only married Eva Male of 101 Canterbury, Wallasey 11 months earlier.



News Report

Killed By Explosive Bullet

Official news has been received that Lieut. John William Hinckesman, of the Canadian Infantry, was killed in action on October 28. The brave officer, who was 27 years of age, went to Canada as a rancher eight years ago, and joined the colours on August 10, 1914 at Pentiston, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia. He had served two years in France, where he was previously wounded by shrapnel in the knee, and was given a commission, which he had held for 12 months.

The Adjutant of the battalion in a letter to the widow says:-

“Lieut. Hinckesman was hit in the jaw by an explosive bullet, and died two minutes afterwards. In his death the battalion has suffered a great loss, as he was looked upon as one of the most promising officers, and was actually due for

promotion for the good work he had done. He was looked upon as a thoroughly efficient, courageous and reliable officer. The operation in which the battalion was engaged at the time resulted very successfully, and the information he obtained was of great value." The letter added that burial took place on the battlefield. Volunteers were numerous in his company to carry the body out, in spite of danger, but the activity of the enemy artillery rendered this absolutely impossible.

Capt. J. Milne, an intimate, writes to Mrs. Hinckesman:-

"Kindly allow me to sympathise with you in your great loss which has come to us all with great suddenness. He was in my estimation one of the finest chaps I ever met, and the best officer this battalion has ever had. We certainly miss him very much. I understand that his batman, Private Blackledge, is going to see you, and will explain everything to you. Kindly accept these few words as I can't express how I feel.

Lieut. Hinckesman was the second son of Mrs. Hinckesman, of Worcester, and was married only eleven months ago, to Miss Eva Male, 101, Canterbury Regt., was gassed in July last, and admitted to a Military Hospital, London.

Sergt. Gerorge Frederick Hinckesman, the youngest brother, has been home on sick leave.

References and Acknowledgments

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