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HAC INDEX CARDS

These are two index cards compiled by the Honourable Artillery Company in 1919. They were part and parcel of an attempt to catalogue the history of the HAC in the First World War. Other regiments also produced such cards and they are very informative when researching soldiers.

As can be seen here the basics are included showing name, rank and number. Moreover we learn Jackson's date and place of death as the 15.5.17 at Bullecourt. Date of joining and date of overseas service can also be extracted. Finally, although not applicable in the case of Jackson, there are sections that would tell us if the soldier was wounded, gassed, taken prisoner, transferred for a commission etc. All this information is vital when building up a picture of a soldier's war service.

If Deceased Cause <u>Killed</u> Place <u>Bullecourt</u> Date <u>15.5.17</u> Regl. No. <u>H246</u>	
Surname <u>JACKSON</u> (If Deceased, the name of N/K)	
Christian Name <u>Wilfred Henry</u> (In full)	Permanent Home Address
1915. Sgt. 2ND. BN.	
<u>Killed Bullecourt</u>	
<u>May 15th 1917.</u>	
<u>B.E.F.</u>	
Highest Rank and Unit in which held	PER LIST OF ORIGINAL
Special Appointment	<u>2ND. BN. B.E.F.</u>
Allied Decorations, Mentions in Despatches, etc.	
Date of Joining	<u>H.A.C. 23.8.15</u>
Rank and Unit in U.K.	<u>2nd Lt</u>
Date Overseas	<u>1.10.16</u>
Rank and Unit	<u>2nd Lt</u>
OTHER REGIMENTS.	
Date Commissioned or Transferred	
Rank and Unit	
Date Overseas	
Rank and Unit	
If Wounded or Gassed	
If taken Prisoner	Place Date
Fronts served on	

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Tadworth Training Camp

These pictures show Tadworth Training Camp, in Surrey, where the 2nd Battalion HAC trained before embarking for France in October 1916. Jackson would almost certainly have been here at some stage, billeted in one of the tents seen, and learning his new craft of soldiering. For a young man who had previously been a clerk, it must have been an apprehensive yet exciting experience.

