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1879 Private George Armstrong

21st Battalion



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21st Australian Force. Armstrong. G. 1879.

([illegible] 7oth, 1916. [illegible])

Informant states that his brother wrote recently to [illegible] that Armstrong was killed.

Brother's name :- J.F. [illegible], 2, [illegible] Str[illegible] [illegible].

[illegible]

Salisbury.

Reference:-

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Nom. of Casualty:-

[illegible],

[illegible].

Nov. 21/16.
[illegible].

Hartley Mc [illegible]

21st Battn
A.I.F.,

Armstrong
Pte.). 1679

"Killed 30-7-1916"

I am very sorry that I can't write you very much, but I was informed by our Battalion Doctor, Dr. [illegible], while I was getting dressed, that he was killed. We were on fatigue duty at the time, and I was just ahead of him and did not hear the news till I came back to the dressing station, it was in the evening on the 31st and that he was killed. I am enclosing the address of our doctor if you should want to make further inquiries. I don't know of anyone else who knows, not as many of my pals since I was wounded.

Dr. [illegible]
[illegible] Battalion, A.I.F.,
6th Infantry Brigade
2nd Division
Abroad.

Sergt. G. Tetlow,
[illegible] Battalion, A.I.F.,
Collecting Camp
Salisbury

16-11-16.
London

M.

[redacted]

21st Battn.
A.I.F.,
A.Coy.

Armstrong
Pte. C. 1679

"Killed July 30th 1916"

Armstrong was on fatigue duty, carrying up bombs to the front line at Pozieres, when a shell splinter struck him in the heart killing him at once. Informant saw this. Armstrong was buried by the Pioneers behind the line and his grave is marked.

References;- Sergt. G. Tetlow, 16
21st Battn, A.Coy.
Southall
29-11-16.

London
4-1-17
P.C.

M.

[redacted]

Add
- write
H.O. Shelby

For God For King & For Country

Y·M·C·A

H[illegible]S ON ASSISTANCE

Y.M.C.A.

Y.M.C.A.

[illegible]

[illegible]

Co. [illegible] Company [illegible] Regt [illegible] 191

Stationed at

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

R.G.H. Stores
5 T. Batt
[redacted]

1879 Pte G. ARMSTRONG
21 Batt

.K. 30.7.16.

7th December,

Dear Pte. Rose,

We have [illegible] for [illegible] of your Battalion. -
No. 1879. [illegible] 21st Battalion. [illegible]
reported "Killed 30-7-16", and your brother No.2790 Pte. [illegible]
Rose, 21st. Battn. A.I.F., Horton Hospital, has told us that
if we apply to you, we may be able to obtain some information. We should be extremely grateful for any details you could give us concerning Pte. Armstrong, and would also be glad if you could add a short personal description of the man in order that we may satisfy his relatives that no error has been made.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

Pte. C.F. Rose,
21st Aust.Inf. Battn.,
R.Q.M. Stores,
6th Training Battn.
Rollestone Camp. Salisbury Plns.

[illegible] HALLY.

December 11th.

Pte. C.F.ROSE,
61st. Batt.A.I.F.
R.A.M.Stores
5th. Training Battalion,
[illegible]

Dear Pte. Rose,

Very many thanks for your letter in answer to our enquiry for 1879 Pte.C.[illegible] 61st. Batt.

We are very pleased to have the address of Drvr McCARTY and are writing him for any details, so that we may send word to the relatives.

With best wishes.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary

December 13th.

CAPT. [illegible] M.C.,
Clst. Batt. [illegible].
B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries for a man of the 21st Battn. 1879 PTE. ARMSTRONG, reported killed 16-7-16, and have been told that if we apply to you, we should be able to obtain information as to his death.

We should be most grateful for any details you could send to us regarding PTE. ARMSTRONG'S death and burial, as the slightest information is of value to the relatives so far away.

With apologies for troubling you and thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary

Lee Run Tune 9 1879
21st Battalion

Particulars of death as noted from the Red Cross
Enquired for by

H. M. Allison

H. Allison 9/2/17 Unspecified W. 23

15th February -7.

Pte. H. W. Albinson,
Ward 25.
No. 1. Australian Auxiliary Hospital.
Herefield.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your inquiry for No. 1879. Pte. George Armstrong, 21st Battn. A.I.F. we regret to inform you that we have received the following unofficial reports about his death.

Two men of the battalion state that Pte. Armstrong was carrying French Mortar Bombs while on fatigue duty in the front line at Pozieres on July 30th. and was killed instantly by a piece of shrapnel which went right through his heart.

Another man was an eyewitness of the casualty and he adds that Pte. Armstrong was buried by the Pioneers behind the line in a grave which is marked.

We hope that you are progressing favourably and offer you our sincere sympathy in the loss of your friend.

With best wishes.

Yours faithfully,

V.D.

Secretary.
A.A.W.