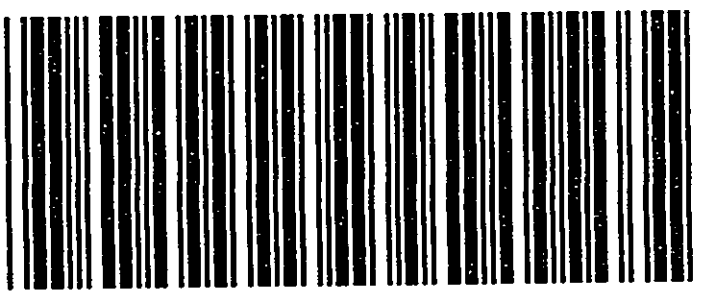
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2145 Corporal Napoleon Sylvester Eccleston

55th Battalion



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A.I.F. 55th Btn

ROCLESTON
N.S. 2145

"WOUNDED"

Wounded eye - severe - discharged to Base Depot Etaples 9-4-17
ex 2nd Con: Depot Rouen
Cert by A.I.F.Headquarters 15-6-17.

S.

London
3-7-17

55th Batn
A.I.F.

ECCLESTON
L/Cpl. W. N.S. 2145 (H Q)

"Whereabouts"

No report of casualty.

Cert. by A.I.F. HdQtrs 12.11.17.

London.
13.11.17.

P.I.

15th Nov. 1917.

Pte E.H.Keating 2265
c/o Salvation Army,
No. 7 Camp,
No. 1 Command Depot,
Sutton Veny, WILTS.

Dear Sir,

In answer to your inquiry for - 2145 L/Cpl H.S.Eccleston 55th Btn, A.I.F., we beg to inform you that there is no report of any casualty for him and we advise you to write to his unit.

Yours faithfully,

LAW

Secretary

Havre.

20th. November. 1918.

55th. Australians.

Eccleston, N. S. 2145.

K. September. 2/1918. Dets. D/B.

I knew him fairly well. He was Corporal in my Platoon. He was a tall, well built chap and fair. About September 2nd. we were advancing between Peronne and Mont St. Quentin. About 7. a.m. a shell fell among the group of which Eccleston was one and he was killed right out. I was about fifty yards to the rear and saw it. We carried on and I was wounded later in the day so I do not know about burial.

Inf:- L/Corporal. R. F. Lyttle. 5399.
55th. Australians. B. 5.
Australian Conv. Camp.
Rouelles.

CWSG.

OP

A.I.F. 55th Btn

ECCLESTON
N.S. 2145

"K/A.2-9-18 dtls D/B"

Buried 2000 yds W. of Mont St. Quentin & 400 yds N.N.W. of Parkwood.
Lt Spedding's list.

S &
P.I.

London
13-5-18

Lieut. W. Eccleston. 5-5 Batt.

Succeeded

Pte. E. J. Blyton. " "

6/11/17

A.I.F. 55. ECCLESTON. N.S. 2145.

K. 2.9.18. Dets.

He is buried behind Mont St Quentin between there and Peronne, behind a railway embankment, in the open beside two of three other graves. He is in a grave alone, marked with a cross, having Bn.colours on. I am in the Intelligence and my duty was to locate this grave.

Inf: Pte.J.McColl. 3437. HQ
Billets,
BOULOGNE. 30.10.18. ARD

P1.
S.

Q.E.A.

55th Batn.,
A.I.F.

ECCLESTON,
N.S. 2145.

"Killed in action 2-9-18."

"Of B. Coy., V Platoon on 2nd September near Mont St. Quentin during our attack, was killed outright by shell at foot of mount. I saw it happen, but did not see him after. Same shell killed Pat. Marritt and another man. Know nothing of burial. Was Corporal and came from N.S.W.

Informant:- Sgt. C .C. Seymour, 3440,
55th Batn., B. Coy., Vill. platoon,
Harefield.

A.D.G
London,
6-11-18.
J.E.A.

P.I. S.

A.I.F. 55th Battn.

ECCLESTEN
N.S. 2145.

"Killed 2/9/18."

Of B.Company. On the 2nd September at Peronne in our attack just below Railway Station, was killed outright by shell - hit in arm, head and leg almost off. I was 4 or 5 yards away at the time. Was buried where he fell. Cross erected by the Battalion Pioneers. I had gone out to get his body, when Pioneers told me they had buried him and where. Came from Snowy River.

Informant:- Pte. J. Morris, 2448,
55th Battn. B. Coy,
Stretcher Bearers,
Anzax Buffet.

A.D.G.
London
18.11.18.
J.E.A.

P.I.
S.

55th Battn.
A.I.F.

ECCLESTON
N.S. 2145

"KILLED 2-9-18"

Eccleston was in B.Coy. I knew him very well. He was killed close to me by a Shell. It was near the railway by Peronne. We advanced beyond that and I got hit later, so I cannot say anything about his burial but it would be near there. The ground was held.

Informant - Corbett.Pte.P.J. 2391
(Intelligent, Accurate)
55th Battn.B.Coy.8th Ptn
King George Hosp.

Home Address:-
108 Burton Street
Darlinghurst,
Sydney.

E.Slater
7-11-18
London
21-11-18
J.E.A.

P.I.
S.

A.I.F. 55th Battn.

ECCLESTON
N.S. 2145

"Killed 2/9/18."

He was a Corporal in B, Coy, and I was only a few yards away from him, when he was hit by shell and killed outright he being hit badly near Peronne about 600 yards from Sugar Mill. We were about to attack, but he was killed before we got off the mark. He would be properly buried in the vicinity. I knew him in Company and he had been about 2 years with the Battalion. He was about 26 years and came I think from Mcnare, New South Wales.

Informant:- L/Cpl. S.L. McMahon, 2696,
B.Coy, 55th Battn.
3rd A.A.Hospital,
Dartford.

N.S.W. Priddle.
London
23.11.18.
H.G.

S.P.I.

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To Queensborough Terrace
Bayswater Road

Dear Madam

I would be very much obliged if you could find out any particulars about Corpl. H. S. Eccleston. ~~who~~ 2146 5th Battalion A I F. who was killed on 2. 9. 15. I should like to know how & where he was killed

Yours Sincerely
A. Lolley.

December 13th, 1918.

Mrs.A Foley,
70 Queensborough Terrace,
Bayswater. W.

Dear Madam.

With reference to your enquiry for 2145 Pte. H.S. ECCLESTON. 55th Battalion. A.I.F. We beg to ~~inform you of the following~~ unofficial reports of his death which we have now received from men in his Unit.

2698 L/Cpl.B.L.McMAHON. interviewed recently at the 3rd Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Dartford, said that he was only a few yards away from Pte. Eccleston, whom he states to have been a Corporal when he was killed instantly by a shell. The casualty occurred at Peronne about 600 yards from the Sugar Mill when the company was about to attack.

2448 Pte.J.Morris stated that he was killed instantly by a shell which wounded him in the arm, head and leg in our attack on Sept 2nd, just below the Railway Station at Peronne. He was buried where he fell and a cross was erected by the Battalion pioneers. 3437 Pte. J.McColl, stated :- "Pte.Eccleston is buried behind Mont St.Quentin between there and Peronne, behind a railway embankment, in the open beside two of three other graves. He is in a grave alone, marked with a cross having Battn colours on. I am in the Intelligence and my duty was to locate this grave."

The reports of his instantaneous death are confirmed by 3 other men but none of them could give particulars of his burial. Should any further information reach us we would immediately advise you and trust the above reports may be of value to you and that it will be some consolation to know he was killed instantly.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.

DS.

May 14th, 1919.

Mrs.A Foley.
70 Queensborough Terrace.
Bayswater Road.W.

Dear Madam.

We beg to inform you that 2145 Pte.H.S.ECCLESTON. 55th Battalion. A.I.F. who was killed on 2.9.18. is officially reported to have been buried 2,000 yards west of Mont St.Quentin and 400 yards north north west of Parkwood.

Hoping this information may be of some assistance to you.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

MWP

SECRETARY.