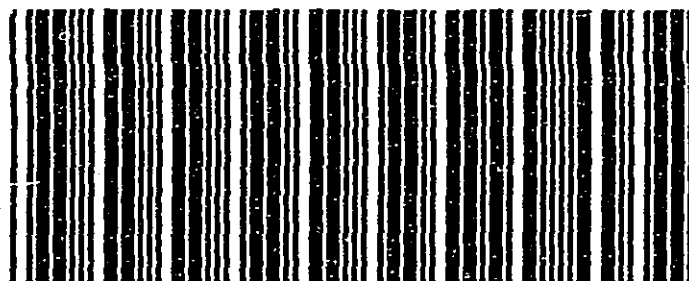


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**3621 Sergeant
Eric Arthur Allsopp**

18th Battalion



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18th A.I.F.

Allsop R. 3621,.

(D/W Oct. 8/17 Det D/B)

"I was with Eric Allsop (18 A. Coy. L.G. Sgt. after he was wounded on Oct. 8th, near Zonnebeke Church in the Reserve line. We were waiting to go up, when he was badly wounded by a shell. He seemed quite cheerful, and was looking forward to go home. It was dark, and he did not know how bad he was. He died on the stretcher while he was being taken away. I think he only got as far as the First Aid Post. I am ~~not~~ sorry I do not know where he was buried. We advanced two days later".

Eye-witness: Yes

Description: From the Country, an ironmonger I believe, married, had a son he had never seen.

Informant: Frank Wilkins 2767, S
18th A.I.F., A. Coy. IV Plt.,
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18th Battn.
A.I.F.

ALLSOPP,
E. 3621

"Died of Wounds 8.10.17."

Allsopp was a Sgt. in A.Coy. I saw him wounded on the left of Zonnebeke or Zonnebeke Ridge having a leg blown off, the left leg I think, by a shell. The S/Bearers dressed his wounds and took him away. I did not hear what D/S he went to but heard he got to a C.C.S. at Ypres. That was the last I heard of him.

Informant:- W.O.D. Paske, 414,
18th Battn A.Coy
Westham.

W.A. Rand.

London.
20.3.18.

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18th Battalion, A.I.F.

ALLSOPP E.A. Sgt. No. 3621.

Died of Wounds, 8/10/17.

Informant described Allsopp as about 5 feet 5 inches high, rugged in build, fair complexion, aged about 25 or 26.

Informant states that they both belonged to "A" company. On the 8/10/17, the Battalion was in supports at Broodseinde Ridge, having just come out of the front line. About 11 a.m., Allsopp who was acting Company Sergeant-Major, went over to the Battalion Head-Quarters which were in a pill-box, and just as he had left it on his way back, a shell struck the pill-box and a piece of it badly hit Allsopp. Informant was in the pill-box at the time, and saw Allsopp on a stretcher just afterwards. He was unconscious. He died about half an hour after being hit when a few yards from the pill-box. A couple of men were sent to bury him, but informant did not learn where he was buried.

According to informant, Allsopp was well liked by his chums.

Informant - Private G. R. Peacock, No. 2454,
"A" Company, 18th Battalion.
Home Address - Post Office,
Barrowane, New South Wales.

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18th Battn.
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ALLSOPP,
E. 3621

"Died of Wounds 8.10.17."

He was a Sgt. He had his legs blown off and died going to the D/S on Zohnebeke Ridge and 3 others were killed by the same shell. Probably buried in a shell hole . 5ft 8ins and brown. N.S.W and married.

Informant:- R.J.Reynolds 2975,
18th Battn,
War Chest.

W.Alison.

London.
6.3.18.

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18th BATTALION, A.I.F.

ALLSOPP - Sgt. E.A.
No. 3621.

"Died of Wounds 8.10.17."

Informant described Allsopp as about 5 ft 8 in. high, medium build, aged about 28-30. Was a Military Medalist.

Informant states that they both belonged to A. Company. On 8.10.17 the Battalion was holding the line near Zonnebeke. About mid-day while Allsopp was standing outside a dugout used as Headquarters, a shell fell nearby and badly hit him. Informant did not see Allsopp hit, but saw him in an unconscious condition about half an hour later. Informant was told that before becoming unconscious Allsopp had spoken to Lieutenant Hill. Informant was merely passing when he saw Allsopp, and heard later that he died the same afternoon at the Dressing Station. Allsopp was sure to have been buried although Informant could not say where.

According to Informant Allsopp was a decent chap, well thought of by his mates.

Informant: Private G.D. Arthur, No. 152.
Headquarters 18th Battalion.
Private address: Gibbs, Bright & Co.,
Pitt Street, Sydney.

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23.4.19.

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18th. BATTALION A.I.F.

ALLSOPP E.A. Sergeant.
No. 3621.

"Died of Wounds 8/10/17."

Informant described Allsopp as about 5 feet 7 inches high, medium build, fair complexion aged about 25.

Informant states that they both belonged to A. Company. On 8/10/17 the Battalion was in action at Zonnebeke. About 11 p.m. while Allsopp was on special fatigue he was wounded by a shell. Informant was close to him and saw him fall. He was conscious and spoke to Lieutenant Hill. He was taken to a Dressing Station and Lieutenant Hill afterwards told Informant that he had died of his wounds.

According to Informant Allsopp was very well liked by his mates.

Informant: Private J. F. Lonergan, 6344,
A. Company, 18th. Battalion,
Home address:- Corobimilla N.S.W.

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30/9/18.

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