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3790 Private Thomas Dunstan

30th Battalion



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A.I.F. 30th Btn

BURSTAN
T. 3790

"D/Wds. 28-9-17".

Died of wounds 28-9-17 - B.E.F.
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 7-12-18.

P.I.

London
10-12-18

SPECIAL.

Havre. 10th. March 1919.

30th. Australians. Dunstan. T. 3790.

D/W Sept. 28/1917.

He was in A.Coy. came from Sydney and I think he was married. He was killed outright by a shell, being hit all over the body and badly mauled, at Polygon Wood. He was buried on the spot the next day. The grave was marked.

Inf:- Pte. J. F. Spencer, 3879.
30th. Australians. A.Coy.
Austr. Demob. Base.

RBS. P.1 RHB.

30th Battn. 6th P.I. DUNSTAN,
T., 3790

K/A. 28/9/17

Knowledge of the man

He knew casualty well, and was in his section. He lived at Granville.

Description of Man
He was about 5'10", fair complexion, about 30 Years old, clean shaven and was known as "Snowy".

Knowledge of the Casualty
Witness was within ten yards of him and saw everything. Casualty was sitting in his dug out at Polygon Wood, when a shell burst outside, and buried him. He was dugout immediately and carried to the R.A.M., unconscious. He was dead on arrival.

Knowledge of Burial.
He was buried at Polygon Wood, by some of his own Company. Witness knows a cross was sent forward for erection but cannot say if it really was.

Informant:- Grumley
T., 4547
30th Battn.

Henry J. Clayton
H.M.A.T. Port Lyttleton
3/8/19.

General Remarks.
Given without any hesitation.

30th Battn.

DUNSTAN
T., 3790

K/A. 28/9/17

Killed rightout at Polygon Wood, nothing further.

Informant:- Sgt.C. N. COLLESS
Private Address:- 21 Station Street
Auburn
SYDNEY

S.M.Lord
H.M.A.T."Port Melbourne"
17/8/19.

30th Battalion.

DUNSTAN
T. 3790

K/A. 28/9/17

He was 5ft 10ins in height, fair hair, very fair complexion - heavy built man, about 30 years of age, married.
We were moving up the line on the night of the 28th September 1917 when we encountered a heavy barrage and took shelter in some old shell holes. The shelling continued and one landed sufficiently close enough to kill Dunstan by concussion. He was carried to Polygon Wood R.A.P. by myself and three others, where life was pronounced extinct.
(Eyewitness)

Informant:- H. W. Addison
Greaves Street
Belgravia
Inverell
N.S.W.

H. LOCKMAN
H.M.A.T. "Plassy"
25/10/19.

Filing Copy.

474 Cpl. F.B. Rolley.
Strugarden St
Granville N.S.W.

Dear Sir -

We have received a little further information concerning the death of

3790 Pte T. Dunstan. 30 Bln. A.I.F.

who died of wounds on 28.9.14.

This may be only a repetition of that already sent to you as we are unable to get to our records, now that our Office in London is closed, & so cannot tell what you have already heard.

Our inf. A.W. Addison states

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life was pronounced extinct."
This Pte Addison was an eyewitness
of Dunstan's death + by way of
identification told our searcher
that Dunstan was married, about
30 years of age, a hairly-built fair
man + 5' ft 10 ins in height.
Hoping that even at this date,
this information will be of interest
Yrs Truly -

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