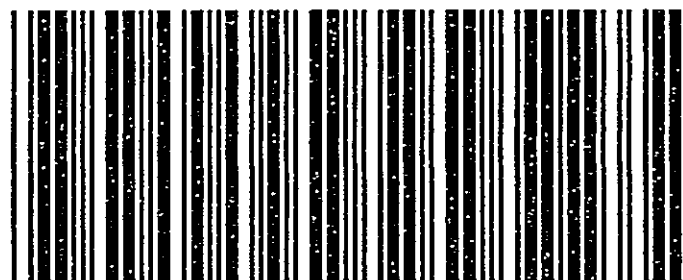


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Lieutenant
William Dillow

55th Battalion



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A.I.F. 55th Battrn.

DILLON (O.C.)
Dillon
W.2/Lt.

"KILLED IN ACTION 1.10.18"

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Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs East 23.11.18

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11th December 1918.

Australians. 55.

Dallow 2nd Lieut W.

K. 1st Octr 1918. Det D/B.

He was a B.Coy. officer. About the 1st Octr we were near Bellicourt in a German trench which we had taken. About noon Mr. Dallow while there resting was hit by a piece of shell and had ~~his~~ both legs blown off. He died where he was about half an hour later. He is buried I think in the Cemetery at Hargicourt.

Inf:- Corporal C. Henry No. 4933.

A.I.F. 55. A.I.

Austro. Conv. Depot.

CWEG.

PP.

55th Batn.,
A.I.F.

BILLOW,
W. 2nd Lieut.

"Killed Oct. 1st 1918."

"Bellicourt in front trenches, shell killed him clean out,
I saw him killed but I did not see his grave. He was young and
a good sort.

Informant:- McDonald, S123,
W. 29 Harefield.

D.F. Dickson,
London,
17-18-18.
J.E.A.

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55th Battn.
A.I.F.

DILLOW.
W. 2/Lieut.

"Killed in Action 1-10-18."

I remember Lieut Dillow being killed. It was between Bellecourt and Estree on Oct 1st last. He was hit by a shell and was only conscious for 5 minutes afterwards and then he died. I was about 5 yards from him at the time.

He was buried 2 days afterwards at a Military Cemetery at Villaret. I have seen the grave. I knew him well. He had been a private with me. The ground was held.

Eye-Witness:- Yes.

Description:-

Home address:-

6 Manchester Road.

Waverley.

Sydney.

W.F. Audrey.

London.

31-12-18.

J.E.A.

Informant:- Farrell. C.M. 5076. L/Cpl.

55th Battn. A.I.F.

Colmore Road.

Kings Heath.

Birmingham.

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55th BATTALION.
late 17th Battn.

2nd Lieut: DILLOW, W.
late No. 2625.

"KILLED 1.10.18"

Informant states that they both belonged to B. Company, 5th Pltn. On 1.10.18, the Battalion was holding the line in front of Bellicourt. While in the trenches in the morning they were under heavy enemy shelling during which the Lieut: was killed outright by a shell. Informant was about 100 yards away and saw the Lieut: after he fell and went over to him. The Lieut: was taken back for burial, but Informant never heard the place of burial.

Informant: Private W. McDonald, 3123.
B. Company, 55th Battalion.

Private address:-
c/o Mr. Eyfett,
8 High Street,
WAVERLEY.

W.E.G.
Victoria Barracks, SYDNEY.
3.4.19.

S. A. [Signature]
SYDNEY BUREAU.

J. A.

55th Battn. A.I.F.

DILLOW

Lieut. W.

Killed 1/10/18

Buried Roisel Communal Cemetery Extension, 6½ miles E.M.E. of Peronne
6.6E., S.W. 4485/3

Extracted from Capt. Spedding's List of 16/10/19

Melbourne

15/12/19

55th Battalion.
late 17th Battalion.

DILLOT W. 2nd Lieut:
late 2625. Alp.

"KILLED 1.10.18"

(When I first met Dillow in France at Piers.- I was Corporal in D. Company of No. 16 Platoon of the 55th Battalion. I was in charge of the Section and Dillow was then in my Section under me. He was dark, clean shaven and about 5 ft 6 inches in height. At the time of his death I was a driver in the Transport. About three months prior to his death he had been promoted to a Second Lieut: I knew Dillow well. About the 3rd of October 1918 I was ordered to go up to the line and pick up men who had been killed. A fatigue party picked him up. The fatigue party told me that it was Dillow; they recognised him from his identification papers. His body was buried as that of Lieut: Dillow. I know this of my own knowledge. I knew of his promotion because I congratulated him personally upon it."

Informant: Driver E.G. Horne. 1555.
55th Battalion.

Home address: c/o Post Office, PARKES.

(No. 4 Australian General Hospital RADEWICK.
4.3.19.
W.C.V.

Sgt
To
SYDNEY BELL U.

S.I.F.
55th Battalion
(late 17 Bn.)

DILLOW, W. 2nd Lieutenant.
(late 2625)

"Killed 1/10/18."

"Lieut Dillow was in England with me in 1916 (September); he was then a Private. I saw him killed at Bellecourt on 1st October, 1918. He was in a dugout, and a shell landed on it, and killed him outright.

He was very dark in complexion, stood about 5'8", cleanshaved, was of slight build, and was getting grey.

Lieut. Dillow was a fine fellow, and a good officer.

Informant - Private A.H.Olive, No.2181,
55th Battalion.

Private Address - Lane Cove Road,
Turramurra.

F.B.W.
No.4 Australian General Hospital,
Randwick.
6/1/19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

55th. BATTALION A.I.F.
late 17th. Battalion.

DILLON W. - 2nd. Lieutenant
late No. 2625.

Killed 1/10/18.

Informant states that on 1/10/18 the Battalion was in action to the left of Bellicourt. Between 8 and 10 a.m. when the Lieutenant was in a trench, a shell landed at his feet and hit him so badly that he died very shortly afterwards. Informant did not see this happen but was informed that so far as could be judged the Lieutenant did not suffer after being hit. Informant saw the Lieutenant after he was dead and took his personal belongings from him and sent them to Battalion Headquarters. Informant knows that the Lieutenant was buried at Hevecourt Cemetery at Roniel, a few miles back from where he was killed. He was taken to the place of burial by a transport.

According to Informant the Lieutenant was a fine young chap and well liked as an Officer.

Informant:- Sergeant F. C. Wootten, 4929,
55th. Battalion.

Home address:- 30 Church Street, Harriokville.

W.E.G.
16/4/19.
Victoria Barracks.

SYDNEY BUREAU.