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2261B Private
Donald Ernest Ewers

44th Battalion



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44th Australian Imperial Force

Ewers, D.E. 2261B

(D/W 4. 4. 18. Dets D & B),

" I saw Ewers hit in thr arm by a shell whilst digging in a bank in Dead Horse Gully near Sailly Larette. It was about two or three miles behind our front line and in the daytime. He was attended by stretcher-bearers and taken away to the R.A.P."

Eye Witness - Yes saw him wounded.

Description

Informant :- Pte. H.Wallace, 3144,
C Coy. 44 Aus Imp Force
Ward 2, Beaufort War Hospital,
Bristol.

Home address :-
185, Piesse Street,
Boulder City,
West Australia.

19.7.18.
F Gardiner.

A.I.F. 44. EWERS, D.E. 2261B.

D/W. April 4/18. Det. D/E.

He was in C Co. We were between Amiens and Albert. It was the 28th or 29th March. Our Bn. were in a gully between Bonnay and Sailly-le-Sec. Fritz started in putting up his shells. Ewers got hit about midday; I was about 3 yards off and saw him fall. He was hit in the head and arm. The doctor took him to the D/S, less than 100 yards away. I had to get the bandages and field dressing. He died of wounds, and I doubt very much whether he lived as far as the 4th April. Not sure where he is buried, but I believe it was either Bonnay or Heilly. Ewers came from W.Australia; 19 or 20; we called him Don. I know he had just come from England after undergoing a previous wound in the neck.

Reference: Pte.E.T.Kenny, 1056. D. 12.
No.5 General, Rouen. 24.7.18.

ET.

Havre 16th August 1918.

Australians. 44. Ewers D.E. 2261 5.

D/W 4th April 1918. Det D/B.

I knew him from being in the Battn. He was a little chap, fair, and had just come back from Blighty where he had been in Hospital. On the 4th April we were at Shrapnel Gully near Sailly le Sec. We had made an attack the day before and were digging ourselves in when Ewers was hit by a shell, and wounded, I think, in the back. I saw this. He was taken away and I heard he died on the way to the D/Station. I am almost sure he is buried at Heilly Cemetery.

Inf:- Cpl H. Martin No.1879.
A.I.F. 44. C. H.S.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

OWSG.

PP.

Havre. 27th. August. 1918.

44th. Australians. Ewers, D. E. 2261B.

D/N. April. 4/1918. Dots. D/B.

We were in reserves at Bailly-le-Sec and he was seriously wounded and died at the D/Station. He was buried between Bailly-le-Sec and Heilly. He came from Subiaco, W. Australia. He was a Civil Servant Clerk & used to work in Supreme Court.

Inf:- Private. A. H. Allcopp. 2284.
44th. Australians. C. 1E.
Hospital Ship.

CRR.

CP.

44th Battn. late 12th Battn. A.I.F.

EWERS.
Donald. 226lb.

"Died of Wounds 4.4.18."

Re Pte. Ewers. He was admitted to this hospital with shell wounds, head, shattered right Elbow on the 30.3.18. and I regret to inform you that he died four days later 4.4.18. You may assure his relatives that everything was done to try and save his life. His case was serious with very little hopes of recovery and although he had the best of care and attention he peacefully passed away on the above mentioned date.

I am sorry that I am not permitted to give you the name of the place, but you may obtain same from the Director of Graves Registration, Winchester House, St. James's Square, London.

Please convey to his relatives the sincere sympathy of myself and staff in their sad bereavement.

Letter from:-

O.C.
3rd Canadian Stationary Hospital, France.

London,
31.7.18.
J.E.A.

P.

FRANCE.

44th BATT. A.I.F. EWERS D.E. 2261.B.

D/W April 4th.1918. Det.

Don Ewers was in C.Coy. He was killed behind Sailly-le-Sec just after we arrived there at the end of March, while he and three others were making a bit of a dug-out. A shell burst where they were. Another man was killed and O'Mara was wounded. Ewers was buried behind Sailly-le-Sec.

JWA.

Ref ---Pte J.Darcy. 3046.
No 3 Gen. Hospital.

Le Treport. August 2nd.1918

Havre. 14th. August. 1918.

44th. Australians. Ewers, D. S. 22618.

D/W. April. 4/1918. Dets. D/B.

I knew a Ewers in C. Company, 12th. Platoon, short, solid build, fair, clean-shaven, had been wounded before. We were in supports at Sailly-le-Sec. A shell dropped in his section & badly wounded him. I saw him taken away. That is all I know.

Inf:- W. Hackett. 2341.
H. S. 'Carrisbrooke Castle'.

WHB.

CP.

44th Battn. A.I.F.

EWERS.
D.E. 2261.b.

"Died of Wounds 4.4.18."

He was of C.Coy. XII Platoon. On Somme near Vaux about 31st March at 5 o'clock in afternoon. Hit in head and arm by shell splinters. I helped to bandage him up, taken afterwards to R A P. Dont know where he died or where buried.

Was unconscious when I saw him, but believe regained consciousness when on stretcher. Christian name Donald, came from W.Australia.

Inf. C/S/M A. Yeates, 5591.
44th Battn. C.Coy. XII Platoon.
now C/S/M B.Coy.
HAREFIELD.

A.D.C.
London.
26.7.18.
J.E.A.:

P.

A.I.F. 44th Btn
late 13th Btn

EWERS
D.E. 2261B

"WOUNDED"

G.S.W. Face and neck - adm. 1st Ldn Gen. Hpl Camberwell 9-10-17
cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs 12-11-17

Getting on well
cert. by 'phone 14-11-17

P

London
15-11-17

A.I.F. 44th Btn
late 12th Btn

EWERS.
Donald E. 2261B

"DIED"

Adm. 3rd Canadian Sty Hpl 4-4-18 - Died of wounds
Cert. by Hpl Index & A.I.F.Hqrs 5-7-18.

London
5-7-18

2261 B.
Donald E. Ewers
44 Batln Coln 12 Batln
D of W 4-4-18
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The Secretary.
Wounded & Missing
Enquiry Bureau.
Australian Red Cross Society.

2261.B.Pte Donald E.Ewers.
44th Bn.A.I.F.

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Yours Sincerely.

23/7/18

Lieut-Col.C.A.M.C.
Commanding
No3.Canadian Stationary Hospital.