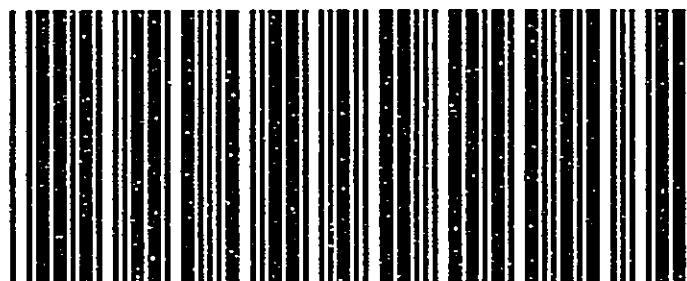


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**102 Private
Alfred Nicholas Kissel**

43rd Battalion



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A.I.F. 43rd Btn

KISSEL
Alfred N. 102

"D/Was 23-6-17"

Adm. 76th Fld. Amb - died of wounds 23-6-17
Uprt. by A.I.F. Hqs 13-9-17.

London
14-9-17

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43rd Batt. A.I.F.

Kissel.A.N. Pte. NO.102.

D/W. June 23rd 1917. A

~~Stewart.A.N. Pte. NO.2420.~~

~~W. Unoff. M. June 23rd 1917.~~

Symonds. R.R. Pte. NO.570.

W. and M. July 31st 1917. A

Major Freeman of the 43rd batt can supply any information concerning the death of these men.

Witness. Captain Cope. 43rd Batt.

Taken at
NO.4.C.D.Codford.
8-10-17.
S.W.

S.Whitmee.
NO.4.Command Depot
Codford.

Written by Major Freeman
18-10-17

43 A.I.F.

Kissel, A.M. 102.

D/W. June 23/17.

" Alfred Kissel was from Waleroo, South Australia. We were going into Messines early one morning and a shell came over at 2 A.M. 3 platoons were going, and the shell missed the 1st. Platoon & got the 2nd, which was No. 3 Platoon.

Several were killed & Alf was taken to the dressing-station wounded in legs and lower part of body. I saw him wounded & was told he died afterwards. This was on the Messines Road when we were going to take over the trench. He died the same night at the dressing-station. He belonged to the original battalion."

Eyewitness:- Yes.

Description:- " Amy", thin, dark complexion, 5'7".

Informant:- O'Reilly, 148.

43, A.I.F. A Co., III Plat.

1st London Genl Hosp., C/well.

Home address:- 20, Regent St., Adelaide, S. Australia.

15/10/17.

A.A. Needham.

A. I.F. 43.

KISSEL, A.M. 102.

D/W. June 23rd, 1917.

We were on the Messines road going up after sunset to relieve another regiment and were about a mile from the town. We were on an incline when a shell passed over No. 1 and No. 2 platoons and lodged amidst No. 3 wounding him seriously, others were wounded and others killed. I think 6 died out of the eleven that were struck. That was all I saw.

FJE.

Reference:- Williams, E. 196.
St. Johns Hp.

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Etaples
15.10.17.

43 A.I.F.

Kissel. A.N. 102.

(D/W June 23/17)

"This man was badly wounded and died while being carried down to the dressing station. This was at Messines Ridge. He was buried near the field dressing station. He was a friend of mine."

Eye-witness:

Description:

Informant: Pte. S. Moller. 120.

43 A.I.F. A Coy:

St John Hospital. Uxbridge.

(Ward 3)

19.10.17.

E.R. Holt-Evans.

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ba
Luff

43rd A.I.F.

KISSEL A.N. No. 102.

D/W 23rd June 1917. Det D/B.

I was with him when he died of wounds at Messines. He was unconscious and didn't say anything. He was buried in a cemetery on the Hoegsteert Road on the left as you go up near Brigade H.Q. It was the Brigade Chaplain, Captain Mills, who buried him. He was a mate of mine, a real good sort.

Inf:- L/Opl Knight. No. 105.
Amb.F. 'Pictor de Coninck'.
Calais. 20.X.17. RAX.

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43rd Australian Imperial Force

Kissel, Pte. A.N. 102

A Coy.

(D/W 23. 6. 1917. Dets
D & B).

" Pte. Kissel was killed when going in on the night of the 23rd June. It was after we had taken Messines. A shell dropped right in the middle of the Platoon and although he was not killed instantaneously, he died when they went to remove him."

Eye Witness - Yes.

Description

Informant :- Pte. Henry Harold Phillips, 152,
D Coy. 14th Pl. 43 Aus Imp Force
Hapsbury Hospital,
St Albans.

Home address :-
York Town,
S. Australia.

2. 11. 1917.
J.E. Norman.

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43rd Batn
A.I.F. 4 Coy

KISSEL
A.N. 102

"Died of wounds 25.6.17."

I saw him wounded on the slope of Messines Ridge. He was caught by shell fragments in the back and was taken to the dressing station at WULVEGLEHM near Messines, where I was told by the S/Bearer he died about a half hour after his arrival. Although he was suffering intense pain he was fully conscious till death. I did not see his grave, but heard that he was buried at the dressing station. Refer to Pte. A. Hawke and F.W.J. Sellen A. Coy., 43rd Batn who are both in France and who saw his grave and can give you full particulars.

Witness:-

L/Cpl. G.A. Sampson 175
43rd Batn A. Coy., 5th Pltn.
3rd A.A. Hospital,
Dartford.

W. Oman
London.
8.11.17.

Taken from Clippings

Written Ptes. Hawke + Sellen 10.11.17

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A. I. F. 43.

KISSEL, A.N. 102.

D/W. June 23rd, 1917.

He was hit by a shell while we were going in to hold the line at Messines on June 23rd. I saw the shell fall that wounded him. He died on the spot soon after being hit. I was about 30 yards away at the time. His body is buried at T 10 B 9.7 (Kandahar Cemetery), which lies about half a mile S.W. of Wulvehghen.

Witness: Sgt. E.R. Davidson. S.

SA.

Cert. by Adj. 43rd Bn.

Avroult. 7.11.17.

Etaples
8.11.17.

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Ed
G. Luff

FRANCE

43rd BATT. A.I.F.

KISSEL. A.H. 102.

D/W June 23rd. 1917. Det.

He came from South Australia and was an original Batt. man. I saw him struck by a shell while we were going up in single file into the line at Messines. He was fourth man from me at the time. The shell landed almost at his feet and inflicted fearful injuries on the lower part of his body. He only lived about half an hour. I spoke to him but he never answered. He was taken to the dressing-station to the right of Messines Hill. The same shell killed and wounded several other men. WSI

Ref ---Pte R. Errington. 2459.
No 3 Gen. Hospital.

Le Treport. Nov 9th. 1917

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Ed
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14th November.1917.

43rd AUSTRALIANS

KISSERL, A.H. 108

D/W. June 23rd.1917. Det. D/B.

He was in my Platoon. Sergt. Moss of the 43rd Batt., A.Co., now in Hospital in France with a septic finger, was with our Section, and knows about Kissel. Kissel was killed; I do not know any details.

Informant: J.R. McMahon, 134
43rd Australians, A.Co., II. Ltn.
Australian Camp, Bouillon.

GLT.

A
Ed
Suff

43rd A.I.F.

Kissel Pte. A.N. 102,

(D/W June 23/17)

"Kissel was hit by a shell on the Messines Ridge, 1½ miles behind the lines. We were on our way up to occupy the trenches and this shell injured 13 men. Kissel died next day I knew him well".

Eye-witness: Yes

Description: Abt. 21.

Informant: L/Sgt. W.F.D. Clark 1788,
43rd A.I.F.,

Horton County of London War Hospt.,
Epsom.

Home address:

c/o Mrs. T. Martin,
Temple Cloud,
Bristol.

Nov. 16/17,
P.A. Flond.

A
Ed
Suff

43rd A.I.F.

Kissel A.N. 102

(D/W June 23/17 Det D/B)

"I saw Kissel's grave with a cross at Messines on June 28/17. He died from a gash across the forehead and a leg off."

Eye-witness: Yes

Description: Fair, 26, cleanshaven, from Brokenhill, N.S.W. miner, single, 5ft 5.

Informant: Pte. W.J. Hamilton 91,
43rd A.I.F., A. Coy. H.Q., Sig.,
New End Hospt.,
Hampstead,
N.W.

Home address:

262 Weymouth St.,
Adelaide,
S. Australia.

Nov. 23/17,
W.F. Glandwith.

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Ed
Suff

(10-11-17)

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Pl. F. W. J. Sellen

A. Coy.

43rd Batta. A. I. F.

13.7.7.

abt.

102 Pl. A. N. Kissel

A. Coy.

43rd Batta. A. I. F.

D/W - 5-6-17.

Ex.

12-11-17.

(10-11-17)

Pl. A Hawke

A. Coy

43rd Batta. A. 1.7

B. 8.7

abt.

102 Pl. A. N. Kissel

A. Coy

43rd Batta. A. 1.7

D/W 23-6-17

GW.
12.11.17.

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October 19th, 1917.

Major Freeman,
43rd Australian Infantry Battalion,
A.I.F., B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

We have been requested by our Adelaide Bureau to make enquiries concerning two men of your unit - viz:-

102 Pte. A. N. KISSELL,

"Died of Wounds June 23rd, 1917."

and

870. Pte. R. R. SYMONDS,

"Wounded & Missing July 31st, 1917."

We have been told that if we applied to you, you could probably give us some information about them.

If this is correct, we shall be very grateful to you for any details and they will be much appreciated by our enquirers.

Apologising for troubling you, and thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.

V.D.
O.S.