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6530 Private George Phillip John Lawton

1st Battalion



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A.I.F. 1 LAWTON, G.P.J. 6530.

K. July 12/18. Det. D/B.

He was killed by a M.G. Bullet in a daylight raid between Merris and Vieux-Berquin. I was at H.Q. at the time but I saw him when he was brought in dead. He was Lt. Williams' batman. He was buried behind our line there. A fine-looking lad, tall, fair, about 21, a cricketer: had been out here about 18 months.

Reference: L/Cpl. J. Drum, 3034. B. H.Q.
No. 11 Stationary, Rouen. 10.9.18.

ABH-H.

Lieut J H Williams DofW 2 ACCSt 10.7.18 (H1)

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A.I.F. 1 LAWTON, G.P.J. 6530.

K. July 12/18. Det. D/B.

On July 12 at 11.a.m. Lawton was killed by a bullet, shot through the head and killed instantly. This was in ~~xx~~ open ground at Strazelle. I was 100 yards off and saw it happen. The body was left in the open and the Germans kept the ground at the time, though we hold it now. Lawton was a married man, stood about 5 ft.8, dark, we and clean shaven.

Reference: A.E. Viooiers, 1469.
No. 11 Con. Camp Buchy Nr. Rouen. ~~9xxxxx~~ 11.9.18.

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1st Battn.
A.I.F.

LAWTON.
G.F.J. ~~6350.~~ 6530

"Killed 12-7-18"

I know his Sergeant, Bailey.B.Company. can give full particulars, as he took his pay book and things out of his pocket after he was killed.

Eye-Witness:-
Description:-

Homeaddress:- Mery Street. Sydney.N.S.W.

Informant:- ~~T.A.D'Arcy~~ Dcig.C.3717.Pte. 1st Battn.A.I.F. BEAUFORT WAR HOSPITAL.

T.A.D'Arcy.
London.
19-9-18.
H.G.

written Sgt Bailey 11.9.18

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Havre. 25th. September. 1918.

1st. Australians. Lawton, G. P. J. 6530.

K. July. 12/1918. Dets. D/B.

I knew. him. He was killed by a Sniper at Merris and I saw him yling on the ground. We held the ground but I cannot say if he was buried or not as we went on. He was married but I cannot say where he came from. Hewas Lieut. Williams' batman. He was in the 7th. Pltn.

Inf:- Private. A. R. Hancock.
1st. Australians. B. 8.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

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J. C. A.

CP.

Havre. 25th. September. 1918.

1st. Australians. Lawton, G. P. J. 6580.

K. July. 12/1918. Dets. D/B.

In B. Coy; married. He was killed by M. G. Fire in 'No Man's Land' to the right of Strazeele just after dinner time. I think he was buried bythe 3rd. Battalion.

Inf:- Private. E. A. Munro. 7624.
1st. Australians. B.
Hospital Ship.

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RBS. J. E. A. CP.

Havre

Australians. 1.

8th Octr 1918.

Lawton G.P.L. 6530.

K. 12th July 1918. Det D/B.

I know him from being in the Battn. He was about 21, tallish, fair. About the 12th July we were near Strazeele, holding the line. About 2 p.m. 7 of us, including myself and Lamb went to raid a post about 150 yards off. When about 20 yards from the post Lawton was hit by a bullet, which brought him down. He was afterwards hit in several places. We had to withdraw but went out again at night, and found his body We handed his paybook etc, over to H.Q. I don't know about burial.

Inf:- Pte J. Williams No. 2729.
A.I.F. 1. A.
Havre Hospital.

GWSG.

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Havre. 7th. October. 1918.

1st. Australians. Lawton, G. P. J. 6530.

K. July. 12/1918. Dets. D/B.

I knew Private George Lawton, B. 6. he was about 22, tall, stout, dark, clean-shaven, married with one child. I saw him killed instanly while on a raid in daylight at Meteren on July 12th, 1918, by M.G.Fire. We did not take our objective and left our dead and wounded behind when we retired. I went out at night and brought his body in. He is buried in the Military Cemetery at Boore Railway Siding and there is a Cross on the Grave.

Inf:- Private. W. J. Gilchrist. 7249.
1st. Australians B. 5.
Australian Conv. Camp.
Rouelles.

RDM. J.C.A.

C. Smith
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CP.

1st BATTALION, A.I.F.
21st Reinforcement.

LAWTON.
Private G.P.J. 6530.

"KILLED, 12.7.18."

Informant described Lawton as about 5ft 10 inches high, stout build, medium complexion, aged 20 to 25 years. He was married.

Informant states they both belonged to B Company, 7th Platoon. On 12.7.18 the Battalion was holding the line between Harris and See Bois. About 10 a.m. a series of raids was carried out all along the line, and Lawton and Informant were both in one of the raiding parties. While they were crawling through the grass, Lawton was killed outright by a bullet in the head, fired by a sniper. Informant was about 10 yards away and saw him just after he was hit. They succeeded in the raid, and about 5 p.m. the same day Informant and 3 others went out to Lawton and took his gear from him, and it was placed in charge of Sergeant Bailey. Lawton could not then be brought back, as it would have been dangerous to do so, as the German posts were only a few yards away. The Battalion was relieved that night, but Informant believes that Lawton was buried by the 3rd Battalion, who relieved the 1st Battalion.

According to Informant, Lawton was a really nice chap and well liked. Just before the raid started, Informant heard Lawton say, "I am going to get a Hun."

INFORMANT: Private P.A. Krumin, 385,
B.Coy, 1st Battalion, A.I.F.

Home address: Lisarow, N.S.W.

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W.E.G.
Victoria Barracks, SYDNEY.
24.3.19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

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To
Sergt Bailey
B-Co.
1st Battn
A.I.F

Attn:
6530 Pte G.P.J. Lawton
B.Co.
1st Battn
A.I.F.

K July 12/18

Written 17.9.18
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Oxford **FRONT** France

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Battalion and Regiment.	Co.	Platoon	Casualty.
46 Battalion AIF			D/W. May 29/18 Det D/B

Battalion and Regiment.	Co.	Platoon	Home Address.
46 Battalion AIF	A	II	98 Canterbury Rd Middle Park Melbourne

INFORMANT

first person).

Pte Gould (46-A Cy Runner) was wounded the line in Reserves, near Villers Bretonneuse lisy I believe -

Symes (46-A) he could probably give

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KARLTON HOUSE

THE FOLLOWING :—

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ant says a man was killed, death instantaneous? he body buried, & if so where?	see above
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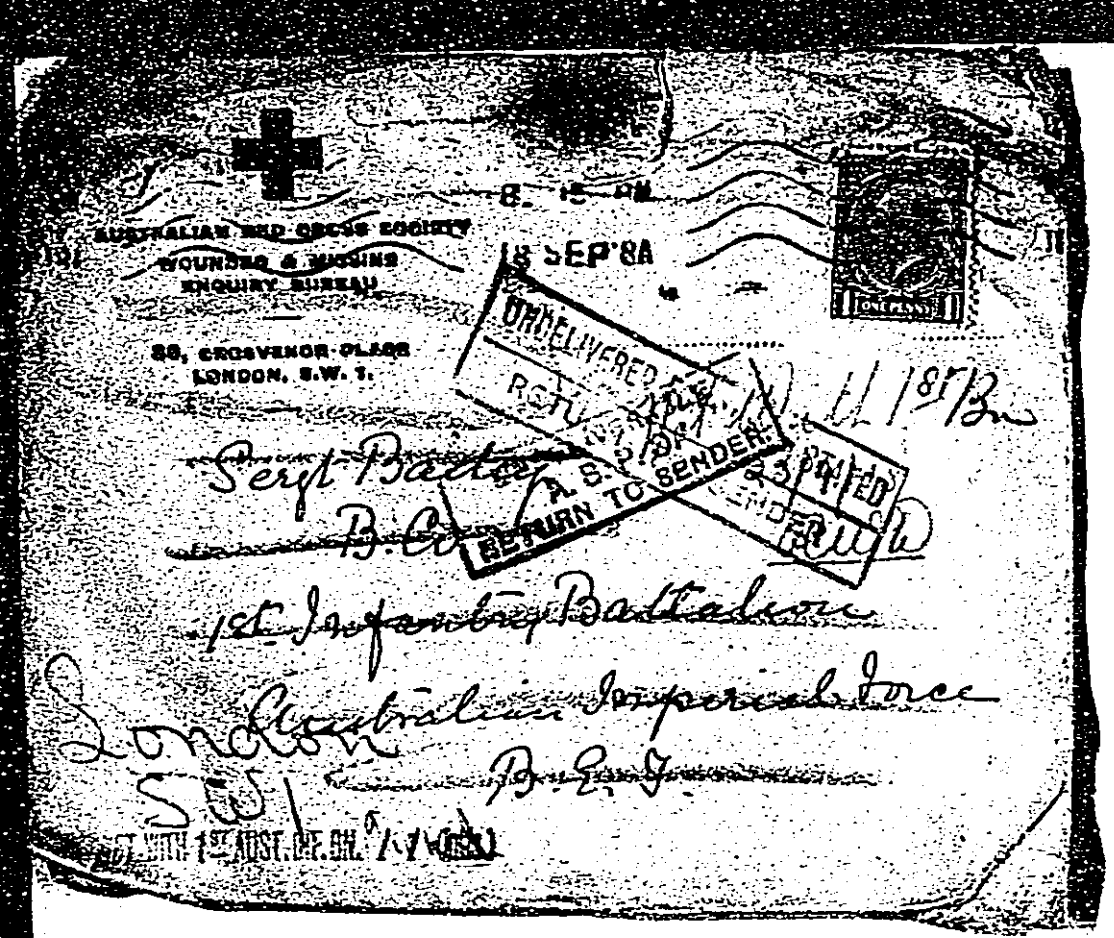
Signature of Searcher Hilda M. Pickard-Cambridge

Date of Report 2nd Sept 1918



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LONDON S.W. 1.

17.9.18

Sergt Bailey
B. Co
1st Battn. A. I. F.

Letter not to be readdressed Copy cancelled

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries about a man of your unit, 6530 Pt G. R. J. Lawton B. Co. 1st Battn. A. I. F. who is reported ~~died of wound~~ killed July 12/18 and have been told that you may be able to help us by supplying some information.

We should be most grateful for any details you can send us concerning him, but our enquirers wish especially to know whether he was buried, if so, whether it was on the field, or in a soldiers' cenetery where the grave would be registered. We would also be glad if you could add a short description of his personal appearance or any points that might help to prove his identity.

In your reply kindly quote name, initials and number, as without these particulars delay and confusion might be caused in identifying the soldier about whom you have written.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Deakin

Secretary.

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