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3047 Private Ronald Gifford Fishwick

1st Battalion



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A.I.F. 1. FISHWICK R.C. 3047.

M. 22/25.7.16.

While consolidating the 2nd. German line at Poziers a shell burst over and buried him and two other men.

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References: Pte. C.V. Fletcher. 4029. B.Co.
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1st. Battn.,
A. I. F.

FISHWICK,
R.G. 3047

"Missing".

Missing on 22 - 25.7.16.
Cert. by - A.I.F. Headquarters' cable of 25-8-16.

Killed in Action - 22 -25.7.16.
Cert. by - A.I.F. Headquarters' List of 2-1-17
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London,
6-1-17.

A.I.F. 1. FISHWICK. R.G. 3047.

K. July 22-25. 1916.

Sgt.McKinley of the L.H.G.Section of the 1st.Batt: told me he was killed at Pozieres. McKinley is now up the line.

Reference: Cpl.R.H.Allen, 3165. L.H.G.Section
Lewis Gun School,
Staples. 13.1.17.

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Written Sgt McKinley 20.1.17

Havre

19th May 1917.

1st AUSTRALIANS

FISHWICK, R.G. 3047, B Co.

K. 22-25.7.16, Det. D/B.

He was in the 5th platoon, and was a single man - an Englishman. I was about 5 yards from him when he was buried alive by a shell in our trenches at Pozieres about 4 p.m. He was buried with 6 or 7 others and their bodies were not recovered up to the time we were relieved the same night. He was a dark medium sized man, about 22.

Informant: Pte W. Higgs, 3823
1st Australians, B Co., 5th Pltn.,
No. 29 Amb. Train, Havre.

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1st Battalion A.I.F. FISHWICK R.G. 3047
B. Co.

Killed in Action 22-25/7/16.

I knew Fishwick well -- he was in B. Co., and was an Englishman. I think his initials were R.G.-- his name was Ronald. He was thickset, of medium complexion and height, and had a peculiar lisp in his speech.

He was buried by a shell at Pozieres on Monday 24.7.16. I was there at the time, and did not see him dug out and we all understood that he was dead. I was only about 30 yards away at the time, and was there long enough for him to have smothered, even had he not been killed, and I am quite certain he was ~~kkkkkk~~ buried. I have been told by a man called Gazzard in B. Co. at this hospital this morning, that he had seen in the "British Australasian" a photo of Fishwick as in a hospital in England. Gazzard was Fishwick's mate, and seemed quite sure of what he said and was very surprised to think that Fishwick was still alive. There were very few of us in the trench at the time and we were expecting a counter-attack, and we stayed there trying to dig out a few of our mates who were buried by the Bombardment, but did not find Fishwick, and were then ordered to move up. Gazzard was quite sure it was Fishwick.

Informant:-- I.F.DOHERTY, 3724,
1st Battalion B. Co. A.I.F.
H.S.O. No. 4 Australian General Hospital, RANDWICK.
31/5/17. A careful reliable witness SYDNEY BUREAU.

Gazzard in No. 2 Hut.

1st Battn., A.I.F.

FISHWICK, R.C.
3047. Pte.

KILLED IN ACTION, 22/7/16.

I knew Private Fishwick very well - he was a great mate of mine, and came from Alexandria where he worked in a woollen mill. He was in the charge at Pozieres. I saw him after he had been killed; he must have been killed instantly. I did not seehim in the charge, but was near him.

Informant:- PRIVATE KENNEDY, 3371,
1st Battalion,
No.4 Aust.General Hospital,
RANDWICK.

H.S.N.
21/9/17.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

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A.I.F. 1st Battn. FISHWICK
R.C. Pte. 3047.

"Killed 22-25/7/16."

I knew Ronald Fishwick. He was in my Platoon, B. Coy. Immediately after attack for Pozieres in 1916. We were consolidating our position in Hun 2nd Line, when Fishwick, Morrison J.N. and Davidson with others were buried by salvo of heavy shell put over; just wiped the whole trench out. Fighting was fierce. Did not see the bodies nor know if they were dug out.

Informant:- Pte, Chas, Gough, 3738,
1st Battn.
3rd Aust. Aux. Bpl.

R.P.T.,
London
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1st Battn.
A.I.F.

FISHWICK.
R.G. 3047.

"Killed in Action 22-25/7/16"

On the Rozieres Section after we had taken it. The huns shelled us heavily and buried us wholesale - three lines of trenches at one time. On July 24th he was buried together with P.Ryan. J.Morrison, and T.Davidson. I was one of digging party of about 5 - 3 of these have been killed - the other, H. Mann, I do not know his whereabouts. Dug for two hours and could find no traces of them. The ground was soft, and the trenches 8ft deep. We could not stop them for shell firing. He came from Waverley, His mother is a widow, came from Aussie in S.S.Argyleshire Sept 28th 1915.

Informant:- Drum. 3034. J.
1st Battn.

T.St.J.P.P.
London.
6-1-19.
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A.I.F.1st Bttn.

FISHWICK.
Ronald Gilford.3047.

Killed in action.22-25.7.16.

Buried in vicinity of Pozieres Sheet 57 D.SE.X4.
Cert by AIF Hdqrs List of verification of possible burials for Captain Mills.

London.
25.7.19.

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22nd January 1917

Sgt McKinlay,
1st Aust: Inf: Battn:
B.E.F.

No. 3047 R. G. Fishwick, 1st Australian Infantry Battalion,
reported - Killed 22-25-7-16, -

R. G. Fishwick, - V.D