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2586 Private
Sydney Anson Elliott

13th Battalion



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A.I.F.13th Batn
8th Rfts

ELLIOTT
Sydney Anson 2686

Killed in Action 15-8-16

Killed in Action 15-8-16 - In the field France
Cert. by A.I.F.Headquarters 28-8-16.

London
3-1-17.

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13th Australian Imperial Force Elliot, S. A. 2536

(K Aug.15/16.Dets D & B).

Informant states that "on Aug. 15th, 1916 at Pozieres, Pte. Elliot was shot through the heart by a sniper. He was a stretcher bearer and was working at head of stretcher next to Informant. There was no opportunity to bury him. "

Eye Witness -

Description :-

Informant : - Cpl. A. R. Lincock, 3834
13 Batt Aus. Imp Force
2nd Birmingham Hospt.Hollymoor
Northfield Hon's W.C.D.

Home address :-
Farrell St,
Kalgoorlie,
New South Wales,
Australia.

11/2/17
R. Clegg.

13th Battn.
A. I. F.

Elliott.
S. A. 2586.

"Killed 15.8.16."

I was near this man and saw him killed by a sniper on Aug. 15th 1916 at Pozieres. He was carrying a wounded man on a stretcher from trench to Dressing Station, when the sniper fired on him, the bullet entering the heart and killed him instantly. This ground was held. Pte. Lucock, a stretcher bearer in A. Coy. 13th Battn. said that he assisted at the burial of Elliott in Sausage Gully and that usual cross with No. and Name was placed over the grave. Elliott was about 5 feet 9" fair, well built. 30 years. Was a builder in New South Wales.

Witness:-
C.E. W. Rogers 4678.
A Coy. 13th Battn.
Perham Downs Camp.

A. R. McPhee.

London.
5.6.17.

Note See Lucock's report re above. S.

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13th June, 1917.

13th AUSTRALIANS

ELLIOTT, S.A. 2586

K. 15.8.16. Det. D/B.

Elliott was a stretcher bearer. His cousin, Pte. Wm. Purtell of the 13th battalion, B Co., 8th platoon, 12th Reinforcements, can give information as to where Elliott was buried: he told me that he knew.

Informant: Pte P. Fletcher, 3767
13th Australians, B Co., 8th Pltn.
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

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Written Pte Purtell 15.7.17

13th Battn
A.I.F.

Elliott.
S A 2586

Killd in Action 15.8.16."

I am his brother-in-law and was with him at the time of his death
He was killed in action on 15.8.16. as reported. Between
Pozieres and Hoquet Farm (Somme) and was buried on the field.
Letter from:-
Pte. W.J. Burtell. 3887
S/B. 13th Battn
A I.F. Flanders. 29.7.17

London.
15.9.17.

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11.7.17
& Plat:

Pte Wm PURTELL B.Co
13 Batt^n A.I.F
BEF

Offr

2586/S.A.ELLIOTT
13 Batt^n A.I.F

K.15.8.16

20.7.17
FM.

July List P.51 A.

FRONT West.

K.D.R.—V. 1434.

ON AS TO	Battalion and Regiment.	Co.	Platoon	Casualty.
uk	46 A.I.F.			K: June 12/17.

BY	Battalion and Regiment.	Co.	Platoon	Home Address.
k.	46 A.I.F	C		

INFORMANT

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ssence in our lines on or about June 12/17.
ell. I was acting as a stretcher-bearer, and I
him again whilst he was being carried away

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R THE FOLLOWING :—

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9 JUL 1917
CARLTON HOUSE TERR.

, give name, number, etc., of the man who told him.

ormant says a man was killed, death instantaneous, and was ody buried, and if so where?

here any other man of same in Co. or Battalion?

Thro' Capt. McPherson. He was Capt. of C. Co. the Capt. Davis was killed.

Signature of Searcher — Norman W. Hatch

Date of Report — July 7.

ackd 8.8.17 L. 2556/S.A. ELLIOTT Flanders

KA. 158.16. 13 Bn DFA 29/7/17

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The Secretary,

Your letter of 26th inst. to hand to day. Re. enquiries O 2586 S.A. Elliott 13th Battn A.I.F

I am his brother in law and was with him at the time of his death -

He was killed in Action on 15/8/16 as reported — between Pozieres & Moquet Farm (Somme) and was buried on the field.

Enclosed photograph which if you can make convenient return to me as it is the only photograph I possess of him.

Yours truly

3887 Pte A.C. Purtell
Stretcher-Bearer
13th Battalion

P.S. Have sent personal property & details & amount and cannot conclude - who is making enquiries

A.C.P.

August 10th, 1917.

No 3887 Pte. W.J.Purtell,
13th Battn, A.I.F.,
B.E.F.

Dear Pte. Purtell,

Thank you very much for your letter in answer to our enquiry concerning

No 2586 Pte. S.A.Elliott,
13th Battn,
A.I.F.

Your information will be of great use to us and of assistance to our enquirers.

The photograph which you so kindly send is enclosed.

Yours faithfully,

V. Deakin.

Secretary.
per. E.L.