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5696 Sergeant
George Allen Forrest

43rd Battalion



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Havre 25th June 1918.

A.I.F. 43. Forest G.A. No. 5696.

D/W 20th April 1918. Det D/B.

This man was a Sergeant. He was about 25, medium build, fair, I think his people had a small station, near High Bank, Adelaide. The Sergeant knew a good deal about sheep. If this is the man, he was wounded by a bullet in the hip on the Heailly Sector. At the time we were holding the line and were consolidating and Forrest was on the top of the parapet. He was put on a stretcher and taken to the D/Station and I heard that he died before he got there! I am almost sure that he was buried at Bonnay.

Inf:- Pte F.J.Sweeney No. 1906.
A.I.F. 43. A. III.
Austra. Conv. Depot.
Rouelles.

CWSG.

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Sgt. J. D. Phillips
A Cor.
43rd Batte. A.1.7.
abroad

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5696
Pte. G. A. Forrest
43rd Batte. A.2.7.
D/W 21. 4. 18.

24.6.18.
A.1.B.

A.I.F. 43rd Btn

FORREST(HQ)
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Geo.Alton 5696

"GASSED"

Died of wounds 20-4-18 - no details of available yet.
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 28-5-18 & 29-5-18.

London
29-5-18

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Havre. 19th. June 1918.

A.I.F. 43. Forrest G.A. No.569.

D/W 20th. April 1918. Det D/B.

He was in A.Co.1 Pltn, I know him slightly, he was medium height, dark, clean shaven, abt.30. About the 2nd of April I was with Details behind the line near Bonnay. While there I saw a cross with Forrest's name on it being taken up to the Military Cemetaty at Bonnay. The grave would be registered in the Orderly Room.

Inf:- Pte.W. Dunoon No.871.
A.I.F. 43.D.H.Q.
Austr. Camp.
Rouelles.

HPG.

N.W.

Havre 24th June 1918.

A.I.F. 43. Forrest G.A. No. 5696.

D/W 20th April 1918. Det D/B.

I knew Sergt Allan Forrest of A.Co. III Pltn. I was about 50 yards from him at Bonnay about dusk ? in April when he was hit through the side by a bullet. He was conscious and able to talk. He was speaking to Lieut Coates of A.Co. III Pltn. He died of wounds at the D/Station the same evening and I saw his grave in the Military Cemetery at Bonnay and there is a cross on it.

Inf:- Pte S.G.Smith No. 3314.
A.I.F. 43. A. I.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

HDH.

43rd Battn.
A.I.F.

FORREST.
G.A. 5696.

"Died of Wounds" 20-4-18.

He was in A.Company but I did not see the casualty, when he was hit in the side by a bullet. This happened near Amiens(about) in the evening and he was taken back to the D/S and died on the way. down being unconscious the whole time. He was working on top of t trench at the time in the front line about 1000 yards awayfrom enemy lines. I knew him well and he came from Springton - South Australia. I did not see graves but he was sure to be buried in a cemetery near Bonnay. Refer to Sgt Phillips.J.D. A.Company. 43rd Battn now in France, for he will be able to give particulars of burial.

Note:- Written Sgt Phillips.Informant:- Sgt Thomas.H.E.29.
24-6-18. A.Coy, 43rd Battn.
No 3 A.A.H.DARTFORD

W.Oman.
London.
25-6-18.
E.A.

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43rd Battn.
A.I.F.

G.A.

FORREST.
5695.
5696.

"Died of Wounds" 20-4-18.

He was in A,Company and was a Sgt at time of casualty. I saw his grave and was present at his burial at Bonnay where he was buried at the rear of a French Cemetery. Grave was marked by a cross having full details marked thereon. I did not see the casualty, but he was shot through the forehead between the Ancre and the Somme. He jumped out of trench and was struck by a machine gun bullet just at about dusk. I knew him well and he came from South Australia.

Informant:- L/Cpl.Howland.C.1069.
A.Coy. 43rd Battn.
No 3 A.A.H.DARTFORD.

W.Oman.
London.
27-6-18.
N.W.

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Havre 29th June 1918.

A.I.F. 43. Forrest G.A. No. 5696.

D/D 20th April 1918. Dst D/B.

I knew Sergt Allan Forrest of A. H. I think he came from S. Australia, about 30, medium height and build, fair, clean shaven. He came in the 18th to the 10th reinforcement, but was transferred to the 43rd, in France or England. I saw his grave in a Military Cemetery at Bonnay, in May. There was a cross on it.

Inf:- Pte R. Buck No. 2783.
A.I.F. 43. A. H.Q.
(Formerly 11).
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

RHM.

45 Battn.
A.I.F.

FORREST.
G.A.9696.

"Died of Wounds 4.20.18."

Forrest was in A.Co. and was killed by a bullet through the body at Sailly-le-Sec dying practically instantly while we were holding the line. His body was taken down to Bonnay with the hinbers and buried at Bonnay in an Australian Cemetery just outside. Revd. Mr Sexton, padre of 43rd, read the service. I saw his body going through and saw the cross made ~~of~~ for his grave before its erection.

Informant. Mc Quaig. D.2232.
45 Battn. A.Co.
Hit 79. WESTHAM.

W.A.Rand,
London.
17.18.
J.E.A.

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Havre. 1st. July. 1918.

43rd. Australians. Forrest, G. A. 5696.

D/S. April. 20/1918. Date. D/B.

I knew Sergeant Forest, A. Coy, 2nd. Pltn, from S. Australia. About 26, tall, slim, fair, clean-shaven, & a good sport. I was right alongside him when he was hit by a M. G. Bullet in the stomach. He was unconscious & died of wounds on his way to the D/Station at Guerrion. He was hit while we were taking over the line on the Sector near Morricourt.

Inf.- Private. M. J. O'Loughlin. 788.
43rd. Australians. A. 4.
Australians Camp.
Rouelles.

RMM.

43rd Battn.
A.I.F.

FORREST
G.A. 5696

"Died of Wounds 20-4-18"

Forrest was hit by a M.G. bullet. I did not see what part of the body he was wounded, but I saw him hit just in front of Corbie, between Corbie and Merlancourt. I heard he died on the way out, but did not hear where he was buried. Some of ours were buried in front of Heilly and others at Bonnay.

Informant. Harrison. W.L. 3651
43rd Battn. D.Coy.,
Hut 12,
WESTHAM.

W.A.Rand
London
1-7-18
J.B.A.

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43. A.I.F. Forrest. G.A. Sergt. 5696.

(D/W. April 28/18.)

"I knew G.A. Forrest. We were taking over a new post at Sailly-de-Sec when Segt. Forrest who was issuing the rum and going from one place to another was struck by a machine gunbullet in the back which passed through the stomach and he died almost immediately and was buried at Bonny in the Cemetery and a cross erected."

Eye-witness: Yes. About two yards away.

Description: About 26, Height 5' 10½", Moderate build, came from South Australia.

Informant: Thomas Gregory. Segt. 3999.
43rd Batt. A.I.F.
Cleveden, Hospital.
Taplow,

Home Address:-
Wattlegrove,
Queen's Park,
West Australia.

M.R. Bott.
20.7.18.

43rd Battn. A.I.F. FORREST G.A.5696.

"Died of Wounds 20.4.18".

Re Pte. Forrest. The man you are asking after is the same man as I had in my Platoon T/Sgt. George Allen Forrest, A.Coy. 43rd Battn. A.I.F. died of wounds on the night of 20.4.18.

He was hit in thigh the bullet stopping in his body, he suffered no pain, and died on the way to Dressing Station, but was taken right out of the line and buried in "Bonnay Military Cemetery" about four and half miles away from the line with a cross on his grave, this is the same man as you are making enquiries about T/Sgt. G.F.Forrest, 43rd Battn. A.I.F.

Letter from:- Sgt. J.D.Phillips. M.S.M.
43rd Battn.

London.
21: 7.18.
A.M.H. A.

Ack. P.C. 20/7/18
Amtt

5696 G.A. Forrest
43rd Bltn
D/W ~~28~~ 20.4.18
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Miss Deakin

In reply to your [illegible] about a man No 5696 G.A. Forrest 43rd Bltn A.I.F. D.O.W. 20-4-18: yes [illegible] you are asking after is the same man as I had [illegible] Platoon T/Sgt George Alan Forrest, 7 Pl 43 Bltn A.I.F. died of wounds on the night of 20-4-18

He was hit in the thigh the bullet sticking in his body he suffered no pain and died on the way to [illegible] station but was taken right out of [illegible] and buried in "Bonnay Military Cemetery" about [illegible] and half miles away from the line with a cross on his grave, this is the same man as you are making enquiries about T/Sgt G.A. Forrest 43 Bltn A.I.F.

Miss Deakin I have a watch belonging to this man but want to get it [illegible] if I sent it on to you would you get it [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Amtt

[illegible] Sgt J.B. Phillips MSM
43 Bltn