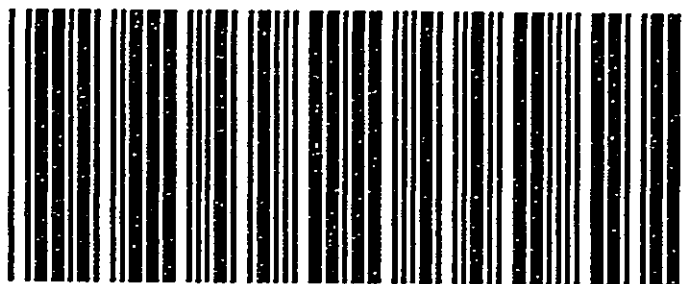


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894 Gunner
Ahlbare Hurst Howell

36th Heavy Artillery Group



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36th Siege Bgde.

Howell, A.H. 894.

D/W. 25/4/18.

O We were near Westoutre at 3 a.m. on April 28th last. A shell burst badly wounding Burton and Howell was wounded in the stomach. He was conscious but in great pain and talked to me but only of his pain. He once said "I'm awfully sleepy". He lingered about 3 hours. I saw his grave at Remy with cross etc.

36th Siege Bgde.

Granney, L.O. Gnr. 27318.

A 12. Dartford. 3/7/18.

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A.I.F. 36th Fld. Art:

HOFFEL
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"D/Wounds"

Died of wounds 27th Fld. Amb 25-4-18
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36th Batta.
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HOWELL.
A.H. 894.

"Died of Wounds".

Re No 894 Gnr Howell, A.H., 36th Field Artillery Aust
Fld Art: was admitted to this ambulance suffering from shell wounds
abdomen and died about 5.30 a.m. 25-4-18.

The body was buried in Lyssenthcek Military Cemetery
Belgium, the same day. The grave being marked by a wooden cross
bearing full particulars of his service.

The only effects found on the body were his dumerals
and badges which were forwarded to D.A.G. Base.

Please convey my sincere condolences to his relatives when
you communicate with them.

J.M. Fletcher
Letter from:- C.C.
27th Fld Amb.
B.E.F.

London.
18-6-18.

H.

A.I.F. Siege Battery.

HOWELL, A. H. 894.

D/W 25th April, 1918.

I knew him well. He was in my battery and we were pals. I don't know his first name but the number is as stated. He came from Tasmania, and was short, fat, and about 24. We were at Westoutre, near Kemmel Hill, about 24th April. Howell was wounded in the morning, and was badly hurt. I helped to dress him, and to carry him about 8 miles to the nearest Ambulance point, where we placed him in the ambulance. I know nothing further personally but heard later that he had succumbed to his wounds. I searched for his grave in the military cemetery between Poperinghe and Abille, but he had not been buried there. He would probably be buried near the C.C.S. he was taken to, which I think was that between Poperinghe and Westoutre.

Inf. Gunner T. F. S. Hewett, 870. A. 1 Sg^t Bty.
No. 25. Gen. Hosp.
BOULOGNE. 21.6.18.

N.W.

L. de D.

4th Australian Field Artillery.
36 Heavy Battery. Sge. Bde.

Howell. Pte. A.H. 894.
(D/W. Ap. 25/18.)
Dets. D/B.

"I last saw Pte. Howell on the 24th April 1918 at Westhoek. Pte. Howell was hit by a piece of shell and as far as I could see he was wounded in the stomach and I believe he reached the dressing station. Nothing more was heard of him afterwards"

Eyewitness: Informant was eyewitness

Description: 5'8-9", fair, no scars, nickname "Fatty"
age about 25.

Informant: Gnr. John Thomas Barron 405.
Australian Field Artillery,
1st Australian Siege Batty.
Military Hospital, Herne Bay, Kent.

Home address:
Tatura Post Office,
Victoria, Australia.

11.7.18.
Mary Sexton.

J.A.

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Envs

20th July 1918.

A.P.A. Siege Bde. 35 H.A.G.

Howell A.H. No. 894.

D/W 25th April 1918. Det D/B.

I knew Gunner Arthur H. Howell of the 1st Batty slightly. I saw him hit at Westhentre in the Kennel Sector in April 1918 by shrapnel. He was taken to the D/Station by 2 of our gunners but died on the way. I saw his grave in the Military Cemetery between Beshephe and Peperinghe, and there is a cross on his grave.

Inf:- Gunner K.J. Cannon No. 31109.
A. Siege Batty 35th H.A.G. 1st Batty
Australian Conv. Depot.
Revelles.

RIM.

J.P.A.

PP.

36th Siege Artillery.
A.I.F.

HOWELL.
A.H. 894.

"Died of Wounds 25-4-18"

In April at Westcuter near Kemel, early in morning same day as D.H. Barton was killed. Was hit in left temple by shell fragment. I did not see him before he died. I was medical orderly and was about 1 kilo away from Battery position. Next day I sewed his body up and was at his burial. This was in a Military Cemetery alongside big C.C.S. 4 kilos from Westcuter. Cross erected over grave, private effects sent in by Q.M. Sgt Vivian. and myself to Hqs to be forwarded to Australia.

Informant:- Actg Bombr. E.H.D. Douglas. 709.
36th Siege Brigade.
HAREFIELD.

A.D.G.
London.
25-7-18.
J.E.A.

H.

Siege Bde.
A.F.A.

HOWILL
A.H. 894

"Died of Wounds 25-4-18"

Howell of the 1st Siege Bty. was also hit on the morning of 25th April at Westcuter. He was on the same gun as Barton and was killed by a piece of shell at about the same time. I saw the body being carried away to the dressing station. He was conscious at the time. He was also buried at Remy Cemetery at the same time as Barton and a wreath bought from the Bty. canteen funds was placed over his grave. He was a short thick set chap, dark, always had a bright cheery look. He came from Hobart, and I used to go to school with him. I think he was the only man of that name in the Bde.

Informant. Haywood. G.H. 643
1st Siege Bty.,
SUTTON VENY.

H.E.H.
London
24-6-18

H.

Harre

31st July 1918.

Aust. Siege Batty.

Howell A.H. No. 894.

D/W 25th April 1918. Det D/B.

I knew him well. He came from Tasmania and was short and fair rather stout, about 23. On the 25th April we were at Hasthentre in action. While carrying on with the guns about 3 a.m. Howell was hit in the abdomen by a piece of shell and badly wounded. He was taken to the D/Station where he died the next morning. He is buried at Remy Siding Cemetery, near Poperinghe, and the grave is marked by a cross. I was with the next gun to his and saw him buried.

Inf:- Gunner D. Dinahy No. 32128.

Aust. Siege. I.

Australian Camp.

Reuellen.

OWSG.

PP.

B. Ex. Force

June 13. 1918

Madam.

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Reference your enquiry
attached.

No 894 Gun HOWELL P.H.

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Lt. Col. R. A. M. C.
CMDG. 27th FD. AMBCE.

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36, GROSVENOR PLACE,

LONDON S.W. 1.

Mr. Abbotson
10th 5.30 am.
no effect.
894. Gunner A. H. Howell. 36th Field Artillery. A.F.A.

The Officer Commanding

27th Field Ambulance. B.E.F.

7-6-18.

Dear Sir,

We have been asked by the relatives in Australia to obtain the fullest details possible of the wounds, death and burial of the above, who died in your Hospital on 25.4.18. and would greatly appreciate any information that you may send us.

As we have been informed by various C.O.'s and Adjutants that the receipt of notes of thanks only causes them unnecessary inconvenience, unless you ask us to acknowledge your reply to the above we will not do so, and trust that you will understand that we appreciate it none the less.

With apologies for troubling you,

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) *Vera Deakin*

Secretary.

7.5.18.