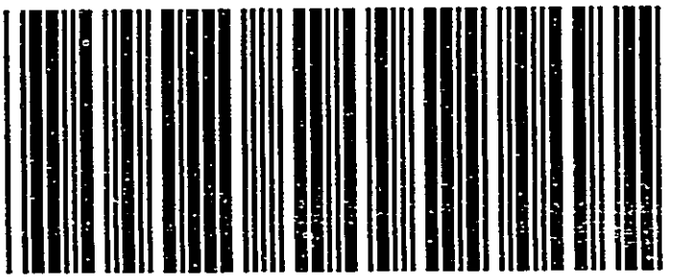
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2378 Lance Corporal John Dougald Scott

22nd Battalion



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A.I.F. 22nd Btn

SCOTT
J.D. 2378

"MISSING"

Killed in action 9-10-17 -previously reported Missing
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 21-5-18.

London
24-5-18

OFF.M.

22nd Battn.
A.I.F.

Scott.
J.D. 2378

"Missing 9.10.18"

Re 2378 J.D.Scott. I can't give you any information whatever. As far as we know he is wounded only.

Letter from:- Sgt.O.L.Connell
A.Coy. 6th Trng.Btn.
Fovant. 18.3.18.

London.
15.3.18.

Off.M.

Havre 22nd November.1917.

22nd AUSTRALIANS SCOTT, J.D. 2378

M. Oct. 9th.1917.

He had bad teeth in front, was black, and worn away; he was of medium height, and about 35 years of age. Pt. Charlie Wilton of the 22nd Batt., C.Co., (now in Hospital in England) wrote a letter to Pt. W. Meikle of the 22nd Batt., (now in T.Co. 14th Convalescent Depot, at Trouville), from which it seemed clear that Scott was killed by the same shell that wounded Wilton. I read the letter. It happened in a trench at Ypres, about October 8th or 9th; a shell lobbed in, and caught them.

Informant: Smith, C. 5093
22nd Australians, C.Co., XII.Pltn.
Australian Camp, Roucilles.

GLM.

Written Pt. Wilton 29-11-17

Havre 28th Nov. 1917.

22nd AUSTRALIANS SCOTT, J.D. 2878

M. 9.10.17.

He was 5'6", a Melbourne man, aged about 29. I have just had a letter from Pte. C.T. Silton of the 22nd Battn., C Cp., 12th Pltn. (now at Highfield Military Hospital, Knotty Ash, Liverpool). He and Scott were on the same Lewis Gun on Oct. 9th at Broodseinde Ridge. He says a big shell lobbed in on them in a shell hole and blew them up. He was wounded and thinks Scott was killed. He told them at the Dressing Station to go and dig them out, but doesn't know if they did so.

Informant: Pte. F.R. Heikle, 8055
22nd Australians, C Co., 12th Pltn.,
Australian Camp, Ronelles.

Written Pte. Willott 5.12.17.

22nd Battn.
A.I.F.

Scott.
J.D. 2378

"Missing 9.10.17"

Re J.D.Scott. He was with me when I got wounded. There were 8 of us sitting together and J.D.Scott was L/Cpl. and Pte.Mitchell was standing up when a big shell came right on top of us and there were two men dropped dead on me. They never moved, I think it was Mitchell and Perry and J.D.Scott must have been blown to pieces. Cpl.Tourrier, Bill his name was, I would very much like to know if you know anything of him. I was shifted straight away and I don't know what happened to any of the others boys, but they must have been killed. Tourrier was alive but I think he was the only one. There were two B.Coy.Sgts and one 24th Battn. Sgt.but I don't know their names and Tourrier and Scott and Perrie and Mitchell were sitting with me and as far as I know, they would have all been killed, for they never made any noise or any sound of any kind. I went down the trench to send men up to try and get Cpl. Tourrier out for he told me his leg was broken and his arm and I have been inquiring after him, but got no reply. He may have died of his wounds. Tourrier had the Military Medal from 5th of May last he was with me when he won it and he also got wounded in the head that time.

Letter from:- 5691 Pte.C.T.Wilton
C.Coy. 22nd Battn.
Harefield. Off.M.
London.
17.1.18.

ORIGINAL STATEMENT ECHELON 2620/11/9

C O P Y

Statement made by No 5691 Pte Wilton C.T. 22nd Btn

re No 2378 Pte Scott J.D. 22nd Btn
Missing 9.10.17.

I,knew 2378 L/Cpl Scott J.D. of the 22nd Battalion at about 11.30 p.m on the night of October 9th 1917 in the front line on the Ypres front L/Cpl Scott was-standingwith me.A shell burst in the trench right where L/Cpl Scott was standing and after the explosion he was not to be seen I consider he was blown to pieces.

Dated at Londbridge Deverill this,13th day of February 1918

(Sgd) C.T.Wilton.

Statement made and signed before me

(Sgd) Percy C.Hall. Lieut.

2nd Batt. A.I.F.

Scott.J.D. Pte. NO.2578 [illegible]
Tourrier.W.A. L.Cpl. NO.[illegible] A.

W/K (A-1) (Bdge)

Missing Oct 9th 1917.

L.Col. Light. of C.Coy. 2nd Batt. informed Sgt Cornell that he helped to carry these two men out to the dressing station to the back of Polygon Wood, They were both wounded by the same shell. He could not state what happened to them after, things were quiet in the lines at the time.

Informant. Sgt. Nouracre.S. C.Coy. 2nd Batt.

Taken at
NO.4.C.C.D.Huracott.
28-2-18.
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S.Whitmee.
NO.4.Command Depot
Huracott.

William Light + Cornell
28.2.18

A.I.F. 22. SCOTT, J.D. 2378.

M.Oct 9th 1917.

I knew Scott and we trained and came over together. He was of medium height and build, clean shaven, dark complexion about 30 years old and came from Victoria. At daybreak on Oct.9th Scott and I went over with our Battalion for taking an appointed strip of ground and then to dig in. We reached our objective. Scott was a machine gunner and on our flank and after the stunt and we had dug in I saw Scott and I asked him how far his gun went up the trench and he said about 100 yards. At 11 o'clock at night a shell landed there and killed Scott and wounded several others, one of these being Pte Wilson who gave me an account of what had happened.

Inf: Pte J.Scriven. 2387. 22.C.K.
No. 53 Gen Hosp.
BOULOGNE. 17.4.18.

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written Wilson M/ missing
24-4-18

Havre 18th April 1918.

22nd A.I.F. Scott J.D. No. 2378.

M. 9th Octr 1917.

I knew L/Cpl J.D.Scott of C.Co. X Pltn, I think, of the M.G.Section. Pt Chas Wolton of C.Co. XI Pltn M.G.Section told me that he was with Scott when he was blown up by shell at Brodseinde Ridge on 9th October 1917. Wolton has just returned to his unit from Hospital.

Inf:- Sergt. A.A. Wilson No. 711.
22nd A.I.F. C.Co. X Pltn. M.G.S.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

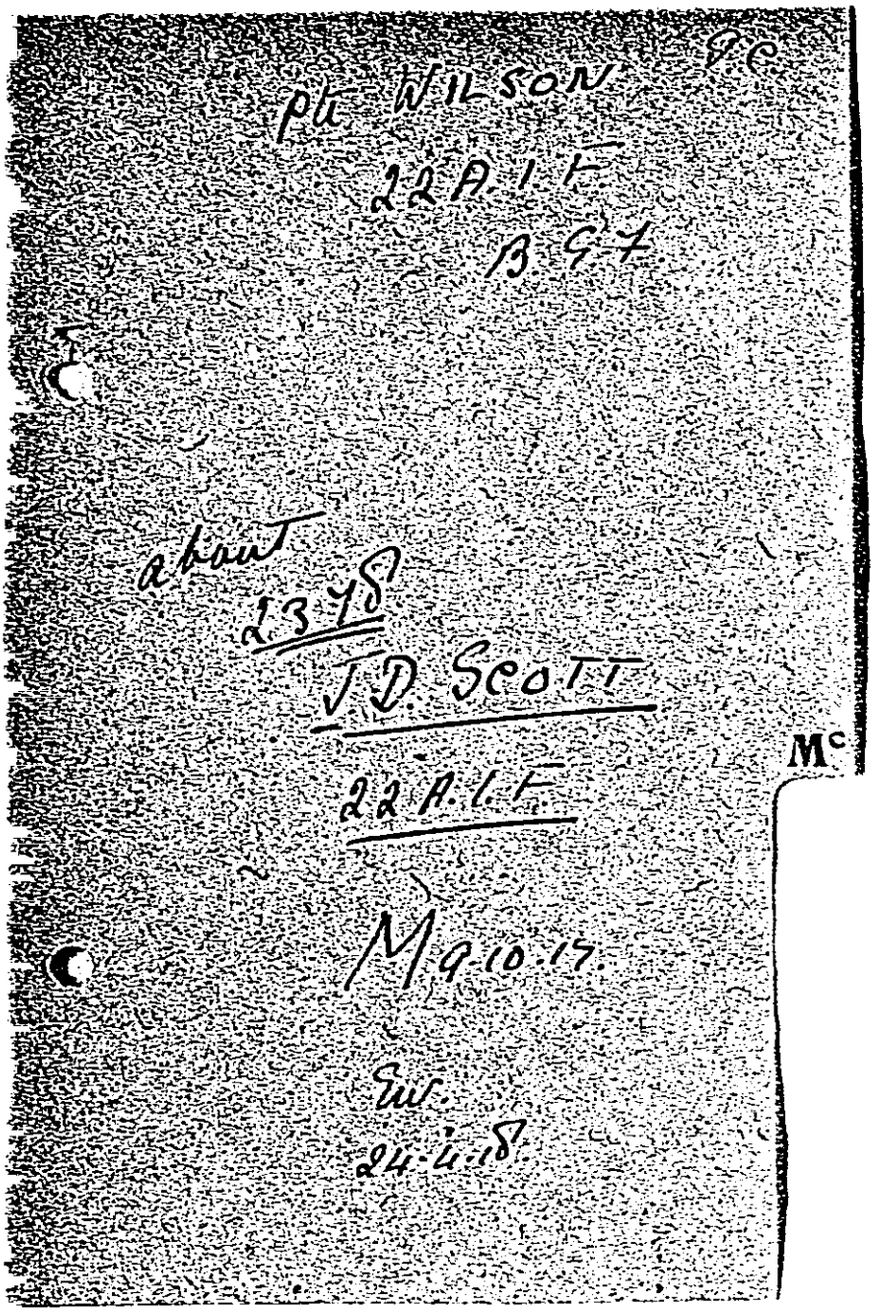
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Transcribed by C.T. Wilson

12.3.18

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Sgt. CORNELL

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Pte. G. T. Willou
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Heytfield Auxiliary Hospital
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Liverpool.

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2378 Pte. J. D Scott
22nd Balln. A.I.F.
M. 9.10.17.

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29-11-17

Pte. Charlie Willon
C. Coy.
22nd Battn. A.I.F.
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2378 Pte. J.D. Scott
22nd Battn. A.I.F.
M. 9-10-17.

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A.I.F.

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F.M. 17.12.17 / 2378 J.D. SCOTT 22 Ward No 18 a a H
M. 9. 10. 17 O.M. 32 Btn

The man you are enquiring about Hazelfield Park
Middlesecks
Re J.D. Scott he was with me England
when I got wounded, this was 8
or 9 of us sitting together, J.D. Scott was L Corpl
& Pte Mitchell was standing up when a big shell
came right on top of us, there were two
men dropped dead on me I lay never moved, I am
sure it was Mitchell & Corpl J.D. Scott must
have been blown to pieces Corporal Courier
Pte Williams would never time to do it
like as any thing of him, I was knocked stiff away
& I can't say what happened I must of lay there
for I feel sure I have been killed Courier was
still alive, when he was, he told me

Their was two B. Company boys
& one 24 Batt Sargent but
I dont no their names &
Lourier & Scott & Perrie &
Cutshell were sitting with
me & as far as I no they
would of all been killed
for they never made any
noise a sound of any
kind, went down the trench
to tend meet to try & get
Corperal Lourier and for
he told me his leg was broke
& his arm & I shall never forget him
after him, but not morely
he may of died of wounds
Lourier had the Military
medal from 5th of last Dec

he was with Lee when he
was wounded in the head that
time. Would you try & send
Mrs H^s Twists address, who
her husband was killed &
let us know as early as
poss. if you can from Pte G^y
Wilton 5691 & Bonhaney
22 Batt A & I my present
address is A A H Dare fire
Park Middlesex England

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5.12.17.

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~~54 VICTORIA STREET,~~ 36 Grosvenor Place LONDON, S.W. 1.

Pte. G.T. Willer
C Coy. XII Pltn. 22nd Battn. A.I.F.
Highfield Military Hospital. Knotting Rd.
Liverpool

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries for a man of your Unit 2878 Pte. J. D. Scott 22nd Battn. A.I.F. M. 9.10.17. 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 could send us concerning Pte. J. D. Scott and would also be glad if you could add a short description of his personal appearance, or any points that would help us to prove his identity.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

Vera Deakin
per W. F. Johnson
SECRETARY

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December 19th, 1917.

5691 Pte.C.I.Wilton,
22nd Bttnl A.I.F.,
1st Aust.Aux.Hpl, Harefield Park,
Harefield, Middlesex.

Dear Pte.Wilton,

Very many thanks for your letter in answer to our enquiry concerning

J.D.SCOTT, 22nd Battalion, A.I.F.

The information you have sent will be of much assistance to us and of value to our enquirers.

We regret that by Army regulations we are not permitted to give the address of next of kin or relatives to any enquirers, but if you will write to Mrs.Twist and address your letter:-

To the NEXT OF KIN of
No 1090 C.J.Twist,
22nd Battalion, A.I.F.,
C/o Wde.& M., Enquiry Bureau,
Australian Branch B.R.C.S.
36, Grosvenor Place, S.W.1.

We shall be able to redirect it to Mrs. Twist and thus put you in touch with her.

We regret that our enquiry found you in hospital, and trust you are making good progress and will soon be able to enjoy your furlough,

With all good wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happier Year in 1918.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.