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242 Sergeant
Claude John Lawrence
Sellgren

22nd Battalion



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A.I.F. 22nd Batt. A. Coy.

SELLGRON
Sgt. C.J.L. 272
242 H.Q.

Unoff. Missing - July.

No report.

Cert. by - A.I.F. Headquarters - 29-8-16 & - 18-9-16

Killed in Action - 5-8-16

Cert. by - A.I.F. Headquarters - 16-9-16.

London
28-9-16

P.J.

France.

A.I.F. 22.

SELLGREN Sgt. 272.

Kim Co 5.8.16.
Unoff.M. July.1916.

242 (H.Q)

He was in A.IV and was Pl. Sgt. and his initials were C.J. I was told by Sgt. H. Madden and others of A.Co. that they saw him killed at Pozieres in the front line, by a shell. They were close to him and he was killed outright. I believe they buried him there.

There was only one Sellgram in the Bn. He was A/Sgt. Major for a time. He came from New Zealand and he was always called Sollio. Sellgram was in the original Bn. Madden knew him well.

Reference: Pte.S.W. ¹¹⁰⁸ Harcourt. 2608. A.III.
(A careful reliable witness)

H.S.O.

2 A.D.B.D.

Etaples. 7.10.16.

P.I.

France.

A.I.F. 22.

Kin a 5-8-16.
Unoff.M. July.1916.

SELIORUM Sgt. 272.

He was not missing in July, 1916, but was with us up to 4th. Aug. when he took part in the charge at Bozieres. I saw him in the charge. He was reported killed in this action by men of his platoon - No. IV. A. Co. I knew him quite well.

SA.

Reference: Pto. J. Baker. 112. A. Co.
2 A. D. B. D.

Staples. 14.10.16.

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22nd Battn.
A.Coy.

Sellgram²
Sergt. 272

"Killed in Action 5-8-1916."

On 5th Aug. 1916 at Pozieres, Sergeant Sellgram²
was engaged with Informant, in digging in after the advance.
Sergeant Sellgram was in charge of No. 4 Platoon
and Informant was with him constantly up to 5th August.

Reference;- J.D. McKenzie, 1938
22nd Battalion,
A. Company,
Woodcote. 19-10-16.

London
26-10-16.
P.C.

P.I.

22nd Australian Imperial Force.

^m
Sellgreen Sgt. 272,
A Coy, No 247
Unoff. U. July 1916.

kin A 5-8-16

Informant states that about August. 5th. 1916 at the 2nd line of German trenches nr Poziers, Sellgreen was killed by shell fire instantly, and Informant thinks that he was buried by the side of the trench.

Sgt. Maddin 22nd Batt. A Coy. can give full particulars. Sellgreen was 4th Paltoon Sergt. His initials were C.J.

Reference:-- Cpl. S.W. Harcourt, 2108,
22nd Australian Imperial Force,
A Coy,
3rd London General Hosp.
Wandsworth Common, S.W.

Home address:-- Horseferry Road,

Nov. 3rd.
Perrin.

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France.

A. I. F. 22.A.

SELLGREN, Sgt. 272. or 242

Unoff. H/ July 1916.

Killed 5/16

He was killed about the end of July at Pozieres, the first time we were in. This fact is well known in the batt. Pte. Vaughan, III pl. A.Co., or Pte. T. Gay III pl. A.Co. could give full details. They both saw him killed. Gay is with the batt. now, and Vaughan is either at the base or with the batt. Sellgren had charge of II.pl. He was a very fine fellow.

Reference: T.W. Setchell, 3934, A.Co.
No. 26 General.

Etapes.
3.11.16.
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22nd Battn.
A.I.F.,

Sellgram^e
Sergt. C.J.L. 272

"Killed in Action 5-8-1916"

On the morning of August 5th Sergt. Sellgram^e was with me in a German trench at Pozieres which we captured the previous night. Shortly after dawn the Germans counter attacked and we were heavily shelled and bombed and when it ceased Sellgram was "Missing" and in my opinion he has been buried by a shell.

Reference;- Lieut. H. Rodda
22nd Battn. A.I.F.,
3rd London Gen. Hospt.
23-10-16.

Home address;-
Hawthorne,
Melbourne.

London
10-11-16.
W.R. Manning.

P.I.

22nd A. I. F.

Sellgren, Sgt. 272
A. Co.

Kin a
(~~Unaff.~~ M. July 16/16)

Informant states that Sellgren was killed at once at
Pozières.

Reference:- Sgt. C. A. Reid, 234
22nd A. I. F. A. Co.
3rd London General Hospital,
Wandsworth

Home address:
Horseferry Road,
Westminster.

Nov. 25.
H. Milne

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15⁰⁰PM

THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE
WRITTEN HERE.

Oct. 3rd 1916

Many thanks for yours of
27th Sept telling me the
sad news of ~~my~~ ^{my} ~~dearly~~ ^{dearly} ~~beloved~~ ^{beloved}
Thank you very much
Am returning to Perth
Down to us soon
Yours sincerely
P. Bellamy

Mr Denton
Cromwell Broom
British Red Cross
Victoria St
London.

HORREX'S HOTEL.

NORFOLK STREET
STRAND, W.C.



8858.

September 5th 1916.

2nd. Lieut. Kelliway,
46th Battalion, A.I.F.
3rd London General Hospt.
Wandsworth .

Dear Sir,

Headquarters has no report of any casualty having occurred.
Would you like us to inquire further about No. ²⁴² 272, Sergeant Sellgram
22nd Battalion, - or is this satisfactory to you?

Hoping you are yourself getting better.

I am,

Yours truly,

J. G. M. 242

Secretary.

8858

September 29/16.

F. Kelleway Esq.,
2nd Lieut,
22nd Battn., c/o Sec C.M.S.
Salisbury Square. E.C.

Dear Sir,

(Hqrs)
In answer to your inquiry for No. 242 Sgt C.J.L Sellgren,
22nd Battn A Coy A.I.F. we regret to inform you that A.I.F. Head
Quarters report him killed in action on August 5th. They state
his numbers to be 242 not 272 as you gave it to us, and when they
had "no report" for him, that statement referred to ^{ho} 272.

We are very sorry indeed to have to send you this sad
news and offer you our sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

LAW

18th October

2/Lt. F. G. Kellaway,
22nd Battalion,
A. I. F.

Dear Sir,

We have received the following unofficial reports about ²⁷²No. 242 Sgt. C. J. Sellgren^o 22nd Battalion, A.I.F., about whom you are inquiring.

No. 3871 Pte W. J. Haitland, 22nd Battalion, says, that on the 27th or 28th of July, it was well-known in his Platoon that Sgt. Sellgren was killed instantly by a bursting shell, and No. 2108 Pte S. W. Harcourt, A.Coy, 22nd Battalion, says that he was told by Sgt. Madden and others of A.Coy, that they saw Sgt. Sellgren killed at Pozieres in the front line by a shell. They were close to him at the time and he was killed outright. Informant believed that they buried him there. We have not been able to get any other information at present about the nature of his death but should we hear anything further, we will let you know.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

V. E.
Secretary. (A.N.)

In Herts

Truce

26/10/16

Dear Mrs Deakin,

Many thanks for yours of 18/10/16
which I received yesterday.
I have forwarded
information on ~~the~~ ^{29th} ~~of~~ ^{22nd} ~~Sellyer~~ ^{Blth} ~~to~~ ^{my} ~~you~~ ^{sister} although
I know the date is wrong for Sellyer was
also well on the 4th August. - It is
very very good of you the way you have
aided me.

I myself am well & fit & will
be into action again in a very short time.

Please remember me very kindly to Mrs. Syme

Also Mrs. Chennide.

With kindest regards

I am

Yours sincerely,

Frank F. Kellaway.

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November 1st.

2nd. Lieut. F. C. Kellaway,
22nd. Australian Infantry Battalion,
British Expeditionary Force.

Dear Sir,

We have received the following unofficial report about
272
248, Sergeant C. F. Sellgram, 22nd. Battalion, A.I.F. for whom you
were enquiring. 112, Private J. Barker, A. Coy., 22nd. Battn. says:)

"He was not missing in July 1916, but was with us up to
August 4th. when he took part in the charge at Pozieres. I saw
him in the charge. He was reported killed in this action by men of
his Platoon - No. 4, A. Coy. I knew him quite well".

We have not yet been able to obtain definite information
as to Sergeant Sellgram's death and burial - but immediately we hear
anything further, we will at once acquaint you.

Re 2nd. Lieut. Gechter, Sergeant J. Etheridge 816, D.
Coy., reports that he passed through the 6th. Field Ambulance in
Sausage Gully in a badly wounded condition on 29th. July and says that
he ascertained this at the Ambulance. He was bombing Sergeant
previously and got his commission just before he went into Pozieres.
He was a very fine officer. We heard he had died of wounds in

hospital but I do not know which one".

If any further information comes to hand, we will communicate with you at once.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.