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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**1078 Private
Herbert Michael Sale**

3rd Battalion



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SALE, H. M. 1078.

K. April 14th, 1918. Det. D/B.

Sale was in my pltn. and on April 14th, 1918, were were at Vieux Berquin and I had charge of his pltn. About mid-day Sale was detailed for duty from the post and while he was standing in a road not far off the Bosohe put over a burst of m.g. fire. Sale's heart was probably weak and the effect of the burst probably killed him. He was not hit but simply succumbed to the shock. I saw him lying dead and took his effects from his body and handed them to the battn. He was taken well to the back of the line and was I believe buried at Bourre near Hazebruck. No doubt the battn. Padre held the service and the battn. Pioneers told me that a cross with his full description was placed on his grave. He was well liked and was a good soldier. I wrote to his wife after we came out at Boulogne and gave her all particulars.

Inf. Sgt. A. Bray, 2014, 3.A.

No. 55. Gen. Hosp.

BOULOGNE. 2.7.18. HH.

A.I.F. 3.

SALE, H.M. 1078.

K. April 14th 1918.

I saw Sale of my A.Co.IV pltn, killed instantly by a h.e.shell which hit him in the back of the neck and the body about 9 a.m. between the front line and supports between Meteren and Strazeele. He was about two yards from me and we were on a water fatigue, on our way back to fetch water for the front line. The shell slightly wounded a S/B named Clucas. I helped to bury Sale where he fell. A bayonet was stuck in the ground with identity disc.

Sale came over with T.M. inf. He joined 3rd Battn at Buire about May 1917 and got hit at Mericourt and rejoined about Nov.1917.

Inf: Pte H.J.Dunn. 749. 20.C. from 3.A.IV.

No. 2 Stat.Hosp.

ABBEVILLE. 21.8.1918.

HHH

3rd Batta.
A.I.F.

H.M. DATE.
1078.

"Killed in Action 14-4-18"

He was in A. Company. Refer to Pte Herbert. A. "A" Coy. 3rd Batta. A.I.F. who is now in France, for he ~~xx~~ saw him killed at Strasseele, also refer to Lieut Ross A. Coy. 3rd Batta who is now in England, for he too saw him killed.

Informant:- Pte. Mc Hugh. A. 6805.
A. Coy. 3rd Batta.
3rd A.A.H. DARTFORD.

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London.
26-9-18.
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Written ~~L. B. S.~~ + Herbert
26.11.18

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20th. November. 1918.

3rd. Australians.

Sale, H. M. 1078.

K. April. 14/1918. Dets. D/B.

I knew him from being in the Company. He was a tall thin sharp and sharp featured chap about 24. About April 14th. we were between Strazeele and Beaubercane holding the line. In the morning Sale was taking back a dixie from the C.H.Q. to B.H.Q. when a shell fell and he was killed by the shock. I saw his body lying on a stretcher. It was sent back for the M.O. to examine. I don't know about Burial.

Inf:- Corporal. Wotton. 2836.
3rd. Australians. A. H.Q.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

CWSG.

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A.I.P.
3rd BATTALION.
(late 1st Rfts. 1st Light
Trench Mortar Battery).

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SALR. Private,
H.M. - 1078.

"KILLED 14/4/18."

Informant states Sale was tall about 5ft. 10, and thin. He was in A Company, 4th Platoon. We were holding a post at Strazeles when he went back with dixies after breakfast and was killed by machine gun fire on the main road.

He was a very decent chap and well liked by his mates.

INFORMANT - Private A.P. McHugh - 6805,
A Company, 3rd Battalion.

Present Address - "C" Ward, George's Heights
Military Hospital, MOBMAN.

H.V.P.
No. 21 Australian Auxiliary Hospital,
George's Heights,

MOBMAN.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

19/2/19.

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3RD BATTALION.
late 1st Reinforcements.
Light Trench Mortar.

SALE H.M. Private No 1078.

"KILLED 14/4/18"

I knew Sale he had been in the Light Trench Mortar Battery. He was killed at Strazeles in April last. He had a brother in the 4th Battalion. I registered the grave at Strazeles as I was burial Sergeant; his brother told me the cross had been broken and it was replaced by his brother of the 4th Battalion. He must have died of wounds as he had been buried from a Dressing Station which was situated within a mile. It was only a small military cemetery of from 15 to 20 graves just out of the village of Strazeles on the opposite side of the road to the mill. His brother was alright when I left the Battalion on 13/9/18.

Informant: A. Wilkins 192.
3rd Battalion B Company.

Home address:
c/o Mrs. G. Howlett.
Victoria Street,
TARKE.

H.S.O.
28/11/18
Rawson Chambers,

S. d. luf

3rd. BATTALION A.I.F.
late 1st. Rfts. L.T.H.Bty.

SALE H. H. Private
No. 1078.

Killed 14/4/18.

Informant described Sale as about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, slight build, aged about 30.

Informant states that they both belonged to A. Company and the same Platoon. On 14/4/18 the Battalion was resisting attacks by the Germans at Strazeele. During the morning a shell burst near Sale and he was killed. Informant was about 10 yards away and saw the whole occurrence. Some of the boys examined Sale and as they could find no sign of wounds on him, it was concluded that he was killed by the concussion of the shell. Informant saw Sale put on a limber to be taken away for burial, but could not tell me the name of the place of burial.

According to Informant Sale was well thought of by his mates.

Informant:-L/Corporal A. R. Herbert, 3803,
A. Company, 3rd. Battalion.
Home address:- Coonabarabran, N.S.W.

W.E.G.
Anzac Buffet.
11/6/19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

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To
Pte^A Herbert
A. Co. 3rd Bttu. A. I. F

about
1048 Pte H. M. ^S Dale
3rd Bttu
A. I. F

Kin A 14.4.18
Written 26.11.18
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Informant:- SGT. Nicholas, I.R., 1942.

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