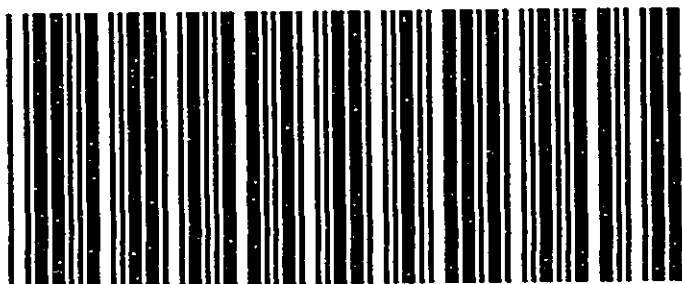


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**5216 Private
Harry Washer**

16th Battalion



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16th A. I. F.

H. WASHER, 5216

Killed 5.2.17. Det.D & B.

well

Informant states "I knew him/^{house} personally, his ~~house~~ was near mine in Western Australia and he came over in the same steamer. At Flers, on a day early in February, about the 4th or 5th, we were in support for the 13th Battn. Washer was on the Machine Gun with a party of eight when a shell burst on top of them killing nearly all of them. I was about 100 yards away at the time and was shortly after told that Washer was one of those then killed. I did not see him killed myself nor did I see his body after that but Sergt. Beattie, 16th A.I.F. B.Coy. could, I think, give full information. He, Beattie, is as far as I know still with the Battn. Washer belonged to B.Coy. No.7 Platoon."

Reference: Pte.L.Naylor, 5158, B.Coy.

No.9 General, Rouen, 1.5.17.

WTMR.

Written Sgt Beattie 9.5.17

A. I. F. 16.

WASHER, H. 5216.

K. February 5th, 1917.

He was a M.C. man in my Coy. - C. We were at the Sunken Road. He was killed at about 11.30 on the night of the ^{attack} ~~start~~ by a shell which burst in his dugout killing him and one or two others. His body was got out and his disc and effects brought back for despatch to his relatives.

RCP.

Reference:- McMahon. 5377. D.
No. 4 A.D.B.D.

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19.4.17. P

16th A. I. P. B Co. M.G.S.

H. WASHER, 5216.

Killed 5.2.17. Details D & B.

Informant states that he was killed by a shell along with three others at Fiers when we were in the trenches. "I did not myself see him killed but on the night after I was one of a party told off to bury our dead of whom Washer was one. I saw his body then and helped to bury him in the trench. I knew Washer well personally. This happened about the ~~last~~ 6th or 7th

February 1917

I cannot remember the exact date.

Reference: R. G. D. Uphill, 6102, B Co. M.G.S.

No. 11 Stationary, Rouen. 20.4.17.

WTMR.

P

16th A.I.F.

Washer, H. 5216.
R.Co.

(K. Feb.5/17)

Informant states that on the night of the 2nd Feb. 1917 near Factory Corner at the bottom of a sunken road Washer was killed by a shell and buried where he fell and a cross over the grave bears his name.

Eye-witness:

Description:

Informant:- Sgt. Walter Fred Foster, 259
16th A.I.F.

Grove Military Hospital, Tooting Grove.

Home address:

Stone Street

Pitham. Nr. Canterbury.

May 14.

I. Jones

16th Batt. A.I.F.

WASHER, Pte H. No. 5126 5216
16th Batt.

Killed Feb. 5/17. Det. D./B.

"Washer was killed by shell fire east of Gueudecourt in our front line trenches, by a nose cap. We were unable to bury him."

Description.

Witness. Lt. Lynas.W.J. 16th Batt. M.G.Section.

23rd May, 1917.
S.W.

Worgret Camp,
WAREHAM.

P

16th Battn. B. Coy.
A. I. F.

H. Washer. 5216.

"Killed 5.2.17."

This man was a friend of mine and I obtained particulars of his death and burial from: 1st. Sgt. Turner (Mach. Gun Coy.) 2nd. Sgt. Tudor (B Coy) both of 16th Battn. He was on duty with Lewis Gun Coy. at Flers on Feb. 5th 1917 our battalion was holding the line while the 13th Battn. went over the top. A shell landed among Washer and party and the whole gun crew was killed instantly. He was buried at Flers behind the lines near where he fell. I did not see his grave. He came from Victoria Park, West Australia.

Witness:-

J. L. Hennerty. 5332.

B. Coy. 16th Battn.

Perham Downs Camp.

A. R. McPhee.

London.
7.6.17.

Note 3839 Sgt. C. H. Turner is P/W.
1869 Sgt. J. Tudor is M.11.4.17. P.

Sgt. BEATTIE

B Co

16 Batta AIF

BEF

for

5216

H. WASHER

16 Batta AIF

K. 5.2.17

28.5.17

F.M