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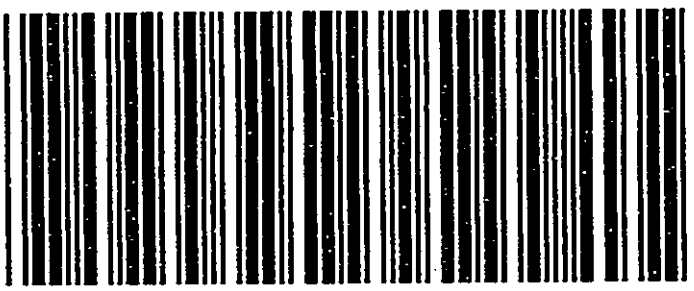
2828 Private George Alexander Waters

24th Battalion



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A.I.F. 24th Bttn.

WATERS.
George. 2828.

Killed in Action. 22.8.16.

No trace Germany.
Cert by Captain Mills. 10.10.19.

London.
16.10.19.

6 - 24th Battn.,
A. I. F.

WATERS,
George. 2828

W. Aug-Sept.Oct.

Wounded 22-8-16.
Cert. by - A.I.F. Headquarters 6-11-16.

Admitted to Bishop's Knoll hospital (2nd. Southern Gen. Hosp.) Stoke Bishop Bristol, with severe gun shot wound of left thigh and right buttock. He is progressing quite favourably.
Cert. by - letter from O.C. 11-11-16.

Incorrect
refers to J. Walters 754
24th Battn

London,
13-11-16.

M.

C

24th A. I. F.

Waters, Pte. George, 2828
C. Co. M.G.S.

(W. unoff.M. Aug.22/16)

"We were relieving the 1st Australian Division between Pozieres Wood and Mouquet Farm on the 22nd August at 7.30.p.m. (there was a fog, so it was dark) We were working the machine gun in a shell hole when a German shell burst just over the top of us, and eight were killed including Waters and others wounded, I myself being wounded. The wounded were taken away but the dead were left at that time in the shell hole. I cannot tell where the bodies were buried."

Reference:- L/Cpl. James Mills, 4027
24th A. I. F.
3rd London General Hospital,
Wandsworth

Home address:
Australian Military Office.

Nov. 23
E. Liddell

24 Batt. A. I. F. WATERS G. 2828.

" W, & M. Aug. 22nd '16 ".

Witness saw soldier killed on the 5th Aug. just past Pozieres, in the front line over the ridge. Soldier was shot through the stomach, and died quickly. Witness does not know if he was buried later on.

Description. Hgt 6ft. Fair Complexion. Red hair.

Informant. Fitzpatrick W. B. 188
24 Batt " D " Coy

Feb. 9th '17. WEYMOUTH.

24th Batt.
A.I.F.,

WATERS
George 2628

"W & M 22.8.16"

On 13.11.16 an incorrect slip stating this man had been admitted to hospital was sent to Melbourne. This information refers to 754 J Walters, 24th Batt. We cabled a correction on 13.12.16. when the slip was posted about Walters, but regret no slip confirming the cable has apparently been sent to date.
Waters is still reported W & M. 22.8.16.

London
14.2.17

M.

A.I.F. 24. WATERS, G. 2828.

W. & H/August 22nd.1916.

His mate, Pte.Parkes, of C.X., now up the line, told me he had buried him. Waters was a friend of mine.

Reference: L/Cpl.D.W.Witherdon, 3956,B.VI, L.Gun School.

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29.3.17.
PHE.

M

Written Pte Parkes.
5-4-17. Y.H

A.I.F.
24th. Bn.

WATERS.
Pte. G. 2828

Wounded & Missing 22.8.16.

I knew the man you refer to intimately. I left Australia with him in October 1915, and was with him daily until the day of his death. Concerning his death. He was found dead on the 23rd. 8.16. buried up to his neck in a shell-hole, having been killed either by suffocation or concussion. A man of the A.A.M.C. collected his identity disc, and pay-book. After we were relieved I interviewed the A.A.M.C. man, and he said that G. Waters was buried on the battale field, but owing to the fierceness of the battle his last resting placed was not marked with a cross. As you will understand owing to the ever changing nature of the ground, due to shell-fire., I was unable to find any trace of the cross, on revisiting the spot where he fell. But two more of his friends and myself erected a cross, engraved with name, number and Battn. in the vicinity.

Cert by letter from Pte. W. Parkes, 2757,
C.Co., 24th. Bn.,
A.I.F.

London.
4.5.17.

M.

24th Batt,
A.I.F.

Waters,
George, 2828

"Wounded & Missing"

Killed in Action 22.8.16 - Previously reported Wounded & Missing

Cert, by A. I. F. Headquarters dated 23.11.17

London 4.12.17

M.

Ack
F.M. 30.4.17

France 11th April 1917

Dear Madam:

In reply to your letter of the 5th inst. I shall have much pleasure in assisting you to the best of my ability. I knew the man you refer to intimately. I left Australia with him in October 1915, and was with him daily until the day of his death. Concerning his death. He was found dead on the 23rd 8-16, buried up to his neck in a shell-hole, having been killed either by suffocation or concussion. A man of the A.A.M.C. collected his identification disc, and pay-book. After we were

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hardly give you an
adequate description of
him, but perhaps the

enclosed photograph will
explain. If it is possible
I would like to have the
photo returned to me as
it is my only memento
of a dead friend. The photo
was taken three months
before his death. Hoping
that few details only
be of some use to you
I remain yours

Pte. W. Parker 2737
6. Company
24 Batt
A. I. F.

G. WATERS 2828
24th Batt A.I.F
W & M 22-8-16 M3

1st May 1917.

2737 Pte W. Parkes,
C.Coy.
24th Battn, A.I.F.
B.E.F.

Dear Pte Parkes,

Very many thanks for your letter in answer to our enquiry for - 2828 G. Waters, 24th Battalion, A.I.F. The clear and detailed information you have sent will be of great assistance; and the relatives will be much comforted to learn that you and two otherfriends had erected a cross to his memory.

We are returning the photo you so kindly sent and trust it will reach you safely. Please accept our sincere sympathy in the loss of your friend.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

V.D

Secretary