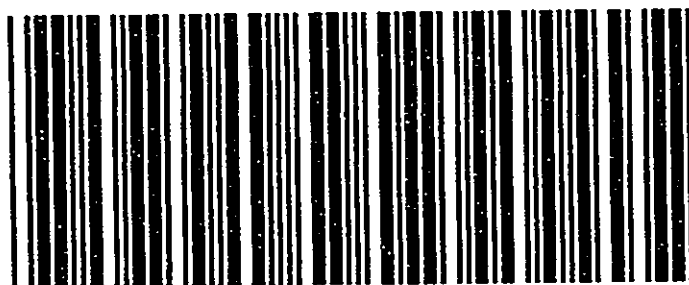


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**3647 Private
William Waring**

45th Battalion



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Havre

18th July. 1917.

45th AUSTRALIANS

WARING, 3647

K. 29.5.17. Det. D/B.

He was in A Co., 3rd Platoon. He came from Hattle Street, Sydney. He was employed in a coal mine in the south coast. I knew his people, but had not met him in civilian life. I knew him very well in the battalion. His christian name was William. 3647 is his number. He came over with the 8th Reinforcements. I saw his grave in the Cemetery at Neuve Eglise near Bailloul. The Pioneers were making a cross for the grave. I could point out the spot.

Informant: Sergt. H.B. Free, 4776
45th Australians, A Co., 3rd Pltn.,
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

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WARING. ⁶ 3847

K. May 29th 1917. Dets D/B.

I knew a man called Waring in A.Coy. To the best of my belief he was the only man of that name in the company. This man was about 45 years of age and turning slightly grey, both in the hair and in the moustache. He was about 5ft 4 or 5ins. I saw his dead body about the 29th May close to the railway lines near Neuve Eglise (?). This place is about 4 miles from Bailleul. He had evidently been killed by a shell. I am almost certain he was buried by our Chaplain near the Neuve Eglise Cemetery.

Inf: Cpl. A.E. Selens. 1993. 45.A.IV
No. 83 General
BOULOGNE. 23.7.17.

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45th Battn.
A. I. F.

Waring.
W. 3647

"Killed in Action 29.5.17"

I wish to say that No. 3647 Pte. W. Waring was killed by the explosion of a shell on or about 29.5.17 whilst engaged on ammunition fatigues, that is to say he, the deceased, was engaged unloading ammunition from a train about a mile from Neuve Eglise which is just behind the Messines Ridge. The death of Pte. Waring was instantaneous, he being hit by a portion of the German shell at about 8.30.p.m. On the following morning I again saw him as he was being carried away to be buried. He is buried at the place Neuve Eglise, the funeral was attended by me. Lieut. Smyth of A.Coy. 45th Battn. and he assured me that the full and correct burial service was read over the grave by our Padre or Parson.

Information given by:-

L/Cpl. H. Hammond 2924

A.Coy. 45th Battn. A.I.F.

Salisbury. 8.8.17

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25.8.17.

45th A. I. F.

Waring, W. 3647.
A. Coy

(K. May 29/17. Det: D & B)

Informant states "Pte W. Waring is buried in the Churchyard at Neuve Eglise with two others of the same Battalion in three separate graves. Informant has seen the grave, he being a chum of Waring's, a regulation cross was erected but a Battn. cross is to be erected shortly. Waring was killed by shell fire while unloading ammunition on a fatigue party."

Eye-witness:

Description: Came over from Australia with him on the "Berrima"

Informant: Pte B.L. Pearce, 3592,
45th A. I. F., B. Coy,
2nd Birmingham War Hospital,
Hollymoor.

26th August 1917.
S.T.H. Farke.

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Havre

3rd November.1917.

45th AUSTRALIANS

WARING, W. 3647

K. May 29th.1917. Det. D/B.

He was in A. Co., III.Pltn. I knew him well; he came from the South Coast, N.S.W. He was over 40 years of age, and a married man, with 3 or 4 children. On the 29th May we were unloading some shells during the night at the Railway siding at Neuve Eglise ?, near Messines - a shell dropped amongst us; Waring got full force of it. I saw him afterwards; he was cut right in ~~the~~ two; he was covered up, and was buried next day close to a Dressing Station with two others, Pt. W. Allen of the 45th Batt., A.Co., III.Pltn., and G. Hamon of the 45th Batt., A.Co., III.Pltn. - they were all pals.

Informant: Corpl. F.I. Haggerwood, 3787
45th Australians, A.Co., III.Pltn.
No. 2 Gen. Hos. Casino, Havre.

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Statement of Sgt Henry A Hammond No 2924
c/o 2 Platoon H Coy 15th Batt R.I.F.

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Lieut Smith of H Coy 15th Batt and he assured
me that the full and correct funeral service was
read and he carried to our Father or Person

signed by me. Henry A Hammond

on the 8th day of August 1917 3647 W WARING
H.C. 45 Batt
Salisbury KA 29.5.17 S.B.