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4534 Private
James Angus Wallace

26th Battalion



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Salut - Le - Grand

France

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Sec. Australian Red Cross Society,

Head Office, Melbourne.

Dear Miss Watson, Kindly post
Received word from my Uncle in Australia
that my Aunt Lizzie Mrs. F. W. Wallace
10 Gale St Brighton Vic. died on 1st inst
in England & would be very grateful
if you would find out for me which
hospital he died in, also where he was
buried. If it would be possible for you
to send me a photograph of his grave,
as my Uncle asked me to get one.
Hoping I am not putting you to too much
trouble.

Yours faithfully
H. G. Wallace

(Private Mail)

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Lieut W. G. Wallace

21st Aust. M. G. Coy.

14 M. G. Battalion

A. I. F.

France

A.I.F. 26th Battn.

WALLACE
J.A. 4554

"KILLED 3/9/18"

I saw Wallace's body after he had been killed by bullet-wound through the head at Mont St. Quentin about 6 or 7 a.m. about 2,000 yards after we left the tape - he must have been killed instantly. Lt. Monteith and Major Woods were killed within a few yards of him and I saw their bodies also. Dont know about burial.
Wallace:- Jim, Big fellow, about 12 stone, Left Sydney with me 31/3/16 in Star of Victoria (A16)

Informant:- Pte (S/B) W.T. Woodward 4533,
26th Battn., C Coy.

London
13/3/19
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A.I.F. 26th Battn.

WALLACE
J.A. 4534

"KILLED 2.9.18"

Cpl. Forster 1255 (gone to Australia) went up to put crosses over the Graves and told me that Wallace & Straiton were buried close to one another.

Informant:- Sgt. L.J.Briggs, 1047,
26th Battn.

London
18.3.18
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A. .F. 26th Btn

WALLACE
J. A. 4534

"WOUNDED"

Adm. 12th C.C.S. 19-7-18
ert. by Hpl Index.

M.G.B. Wou d eye 3rd occ: 12th C.C.S. 19-7-18.

Joined Aust: Corps Rfts Camp 25-7-18.
ert. by A.I.F. Hqrs 11-9-18.

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London
12-9-16

A.I.F.
26th Bttn.

Killed 2.9.18. WALLACE. J.A. 4534.
killed 2.9.18. Straiton F. 6170.

I saw Straiton killed instantly by machine gun burst through chest (probably heart) near me at Mont St Quentin after the morning hop-over. He was in a shell hole and we were in a cutting just near. I also saw Wallace killed instantly by machine gun bullet through head about 100 yards from the same Cutting, about 10 minutes before Straiton was killed. Wallace was No 1 on Machine gun and was carrying the gun.

Wallace:- Jim. nuggetty fellow, small moustache, about 24 years of age.

Straiton:- Cpl. Frank. Fairly tall, was clerk in orderly Room, about 24 years of age.

Informant:- Pte. S.A. Sorley. 4201.
26th Bttn. A.I.F.
D.Coy.

London.
5.3.19.
J.E.A.

P.I. & B.

26th Battn. A.I.F. WALLACE

Pte. J.A. 4534

K. 2/9/18

Buried Peronne Communal Cemetery Extension, 1.15E., SSP. 43 5/12

Extracted from Capt. Spedding's List of 16/10/19

Melbourne

16/12/19

650 L/Cpl.W.G. Wallace.
21st Aust. M.G.Coy.
1st M.G.Btn.
A.I.F., B.E.F.

March 15th, 1919.

Dear Sir.

With reference to your letter of 15.12.18 enquiring for particulars of the death and burial of your brother 4584 Pte. J.A. WALLACE. 26th Battalion. A.I.F. We beg to inform you that the following unofficial report from 4201 Pte. S.A. Sorley of the same Unit has just reached us.

"I saw Wallace killed instantly by machine gun bullet which wounded him in the head about 100 yards from a cutting near Mont St Quentin. Wallace was No 1 on machine gun and was carrying the gun. He was known as Jim, a nuggety fellow, small moustache, about 24 years of age."

This is confirmed by 4533 Pte W.T. Woodward 26th Batt. A.I.F.

We should advise you to apply direct to the Graves Dept, A.I.F. Headquarters, 130 Horseferry Road. S.W.1. for a photograph giving them a permanent address in Australia, and should your brother's grave be officially registered at any future date a copy will be sent to you. This department has now taken over the responsibility of all matters relating to the graves of Australian soldiers who have fallen in France.

Should we obtain any further details of the casualty we will at once advise you, and in the meantime would be grateful if you would notify us of any change in your address.

With sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

SECRETARY. M.G.

P.S. Since writing a fresh report has reached us from 1047 Sgt. L. J. Briggs 26th Batt who states "1253 Cpl. Forster (since returned to Australia) went up & put crosses over the graves, and told me that Wallace and Stratton were buried close to one another."