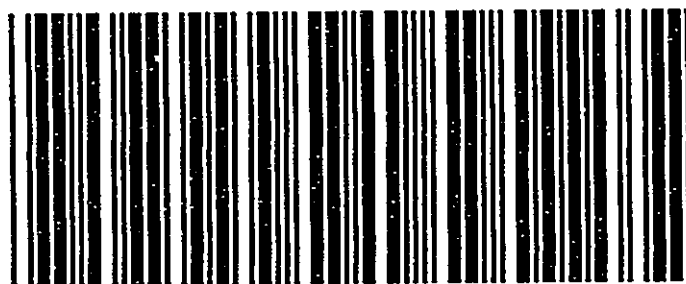


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**2406 Private
Francis William Waugh**

36th Battalion



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36th A.I.F.

Waugh, Pte. P.W. 2406.

(K. June 10/17.)

Dets. D/B. *metamorph*

"I was close to him when he was killed at the same time as Sharman on Messines Ridge on June 10th. He and also Sharman were buried the following day - June 11th on the Ridge."

Eyewitness: Yes.

Description:

Informant: Pte. R.S. Shepherd. 2390.
36th A.I.F.
Colchester Hospital,

Home address:
Moon St,
Ballina,
Richmond River, N.S.W.
Australia.

8/5/18.
R.W.O'Reilly.

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36th A.I.F.

Waugh Pte. F.W. 2406,

(K. June 10/17 Det D/B)

Waugh was killed in the Messines Sector by a shell
It was daylight and he was killed instantly. He is buried in
Ploegsteert Wood. I did not see it myself but I know for a fact
that it was so.

Eye-witness: No, told by men who were nearer.

Description:

Informant: L/Sgt. A.R.H. Roberts 2374,
36th A.I.F.,
War Hospt.,
Duston, Northampton.

5.11.17,
G. McKinnell.

36 A.I.F.

WAUGH, Pte. F. W. 2406.
B.Co. 6th Platoon.

K. June 10.1917. Det. D/B.

"Pte. Waugh was killed by shell fire on June 10th
at La Potterie Farm, Messines. A few minutes after death
I saw his body in a shell hole. It was impossible to bring
the body back."

Eye-witness: Not of actual death.

Description: Thin, medium height, fair, clean
shaven, about 24 years of age.

Informant: Sergt. L. F. Dalziel, 417,
36 A.I.F. B.Co., 6th Platoon,
Edmonton Military Hospital,
London.

Home address:
P.O. Canley Vale,
New South Wales.

R. Mackenzie.
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36th A.I.F.

22nd January 1918.

Waugh F.W. 2406
Sharman F.H.C. No. 2387.
Wright C. No. 2407.

A. 10th June 1917. Det D/B.

I was told by Pto Gallagher of A. Company 36th Battn that he saw these three killed at Messines. After we had gone over the top on the night of June 10th near the Pottery Farm.

I was wounded myself and when I got to the D/ Station next morning he told me he had seen them dead.

Inf:- Pto J.H. Chase No. 2288.
36th A.I.F.
Australian Camp.
Rouellies.

CWS.

36th Battalion. A.I.F.

WAUGH F.W. P'te.
No. 2406.

"Killed 10/6/17"

Informant described Waugh as about 5ft 7in high, rather slight, fair complexion, aged about 28. Came from Adamstown. Left Australia in the "Borda".

Informant states that on 10/6/17 the Battalion were engaged in an attack on a Strong Post known as La Poterie Farm on the right of Messines Ridge. Messines had been captured on the 7th. Waugh was in "B" Company and Informant in "C" Company. Four of the men out of "C" Coy's including Informant went over to "B" Company as Bombers and the four of them, together with "B" Company and Lieut. Doyle went to take the Strong Post. Waugh and another soldier named Sharman were runners to Lieut. Doyle. The Lieutenant was wounded while in a shell hole and Waugh and Sharman went to his assistance. A shell burst in the shell hole and killed the three of them outright. Informant saw the whole occurrence. The three bodies were taken back to Ploegstreet and buried in the Burial ground there. Informant saw the graves.

Informant added that Waugh was well liked by the Battalion and the Company.

Informant: P'te. R. Moran, No. 2318, C. Coy
36th Battalion : Home address:

W.E.G.
No 4 A.G.H. Sydney
26/2/18.

Hannell Street,
Wickham S.A. 201

Sydney Bureau

36th Battn.
A.I.F.

Waugh. F.W. 2406
Sharman.F.H.C. 2387
Wright Cecil 2407

"Killed in Action 10.6.17"

Re your inquiries of the above named soldiers. I have much pleasure in answering, but I think my information will be of little use to you. 2387 Pte F.H.C. Sharman, 2407 Pte. C. Wright and 2406 Pte. F.W. Waugh, these men I only know them to be reported killed. I have made inquiries about them but can get no particulars as to their burial, so I am afraid I can be of no further assistance to you.

Letter from:- S. Gallagher
France 21.2.17.

London.
27.2.18.

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36th Australian Imperial Force

Waugh, Pte. F.W.2406.

(K. June 10. 17. Dets
D & B).

" I know Waugh. He was killed by a shell at Messines Ridge. His body together with those of four other men was buried in the hole caused by the shell. I helped to bury them. Crosses were placed on the spot. "

Eye Witness - Yes.

Description - nothing particular.

Informant :- Pte. R.S. Shepherd, 2390.
7th Pltn. B Coy. 36th Aus Imp Force
Colchester military Hospital.

Home address :-
c/o Mrs. Shepherd,
Moon Street,
Ballina,
New South Wales.

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Henry Stephens.

A.I.F.
36th Battalion,
A.I.F.

WAUGH - Private.
P. W., No. 2406.

"Killed in Action 10.6.17."

Informant described Waugh as about 5 ft 8 inches high, fairly slight build, medium complexion, aged about 20.

Informant states that they both belonged to "B" Company, Waugh acting as runner on the day of his death. On or about 10.6.17 the Battalion was at Messines in action. They hopped over at about 9 p.m. to attack Potters Farm and captured it. Some time during the stunt Waugh was killed and Informant came across his body next morning lying close to the body of a great mate of his named Sharman. They had evidently both been killed by the same shell. Informant had seen both Waugh and Sharman before the hopover. He did not see them buried but was informed that they were buried where they fell.

According to Informant Waugh was in good favour with his mates.

Informant: Sergeant L. Dalziel, No. 417.
"B" Company, 36th Battalion.

Home address: Post Office, Fairfield.

W.E.G.
4.7.18.

No. 4 Australian General Hospital, RANDWICK.

S. ed. suff.
SYDNEY BUREAU.

A.I.F. 36.

WAUGH, R.W. 2406.

K. ^{June}~~July~~ 10th 1917.

He was in B.VII and I saw his dead body lying in a shell hole after the attack on Pottery Farm at Messines at 7 in the evening. I went to him but his identification disc had already been taken. We were relieved by the New Zealanders two days later but it had been impossible up till then to bring in our dead and his body was left behind our lines. I was Sergeant of his platoon and he came to us as a ^{Reinf.}

Inf: Sgt L.F. Dalziel. 717 417. 36.B.VII.
No. 1 C.C.
BOULOGNE. 12.12.17.

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J. H. Naughton

36 Bttn

See under

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J. H. C. Sharman

36 Bttn

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PL Gallagher

A Coy 36 Bn

A.I.F.

Abroad

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F W. WAUGH.

36 Bn

A.I.F.

K June 10th 1917

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