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2920 Private
John James Wall

9th Battalion



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9th Batn
AIF

WALL
Joseph James
2920

" NOTE TO MELBOURNE"

"Killed in Action"
7.5.17.

In reference to your cable "Off. Killed in Action 7.5.17. letter received from dated 5.7.17. refer 670 Kirk 48th Batn" we wrote to Pte. Kirk and to-day our letter was returned to us from the Batn marked"killed"

A.G. Moyes Captn.

London Office
13.12.17.

M

9th Batn
B. Coy., 8th Pltn.
A.I.F.

WALL
J.J. 2920

"Killed 7.5.17."

I saw him killed at Bullecourt. He was caught by shell fragments which hit him about the head and blew one of his legs off. death being instantaneous . I saw his grave at place of casualty and it was not then marked and would sure to be later. I knew him very well, he was the only man of that name in the Coy.,

Witness:- Pte. R. Hill 4799
9th Batt. A. Coy., 8th Pltn.
3rd A.A. Hpl.
Dartford.

W. Oman
London.
27.10.17.

M

9th Batt,
A.I.F.

Wall J.J. 2920

"Killed 7.5.17"

He was about 5 yards away from the trench at Bullecourt and a shell blew his head off, I saw it. I do not know where he was buried.

Reference:- Henlsin Pte. 6285
R.D.B
1A. Dartford 9.10.17

London 17.10.117

H.

A.I.F. 9.?

WALL. J.J. 2920.

K.May 7th 1917. Dets.D/B.

I saw him killed in our trenches at Bullecourt early in the morning of the 7th May, a shell took his head right off. His body was buried behind the trench. Was in B.Coy. and came over with the 9th reinforcements.

Inf: Sergt.H.Preston. 2871. 9.B.VIII.
2nd Army Rest Camp.
BOULOGNE. 19..0.17.

HMH.

M

Havre 19th Oct. 1917.

9th AUSTRALIANS WALL, J.J. 2920

K.
M. 7.5.17. Det. D/B.

Wallie was an acquaintance of mine, and we were both in B Co. Pte. F.F. Wakelam of B Co. told me that he saw Wall killed in a trench by a shell, and was hit again by a shell after he was dead. Wakelam could give information as he was there with Wall at Bullecourt.

Informant: Pte. R.B. Turner, 5758
9th Australians, A Co.,
H. S. Essequibo.

M

JTK

written Wakelam
2.11.17

A. I. F. 9. WALL, J.J. 2920.

K. May 7th, 1917.

He was in B.VIII. 5 ft 10 in height, inclined to be fair, light build, aged 23, cleanshaven. He was killed on May 7th at Bullecourt in our own line by shell about midnight. I did not see him ~~but~~ hit but saw him lying dead next day and he had evidently been killed instantly having been hit in head and leg. I know nothing as to his burial.

PHE.

Reference:- L/C. J.R.Riordan. 4616. B.VIII.
L.G.School.

Etaples
3.11.18.

9th Batt, A.I.F.

Wall.J.J. Pte. NO.2320.
B.Coy.

Killed May 7th 1917. Det. D.E.

I saw him killed instantly by a shell, this happened during the hop over at Bullecourt, just behind the village. I do not think he was buried. I knew him in the coy, I could not say for certain what he came over with. He came from Toowoomba, Queensland.

Description. Age. 24. Height. 5-7. Complexion. Dark. Slight built.

Witness. Pte. Hamilton.V.C. NO.5784. B.Coy. 9th batt.

S.Whitmee.
NO.4.Comm d Depot
Hurdcott.

Taken at
NO.4.C.D.Hurdcott.
18-II-17.
F.G.H.

9th Australian Imperial Force

Wall, Pte. J.J.2920
B Coy. 8th Pl.

(K. 7. 5. 1917 Dets
D & B)

" Pte. J.J.Wall was killed by a shell, his head was blown off at Bullecourt on 7th May, 1917. "

Eye Witness - Yes, I was alongside of him.

Description About 5ft 8 ins. fair, slim built.

Informant :- Pte. J. Shannon, 2454,
B Coy. 8th Pl. 9th Aus Imp Force.
Norfolk War Hospital,
Norwich.

Home address :-
Woombye St,
Eagle Junction,
Brisbane,
Queensland.

15. 11. 17.
Edgar Reid.

M
Md
Smith

Pte F. F. WARELAM
B. Coy.
9 Batt. A.I.F.
B.S.4.

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J. J. WALL 2920
B. Coy.
9 Batt. A.I.F.
Killed 7.5.17.

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2.11.17.

3.11.17

670. Pte. Kirk,
48th Batt A.I.F.
B. E. F.

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With all good wishes,

Yours faithfully,

V.D

SECRETARY

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

Tel.: VICTORIA 6858.

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"QUESTMAN, LONDON."

54, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON S.W.1.

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