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Lieutenant Cecil William Orlando Oswald

27th Battalion



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Miller R.F.
Sgt Cpl
Orders
address
please
21 Oct
1938

Ref to Auster per Della 24-1-19

G.C.

N/K Mother
Mrs H. Scott
Affiliation
S. A.
Report Section
11-3-19.

Ltr under
Lieut Oswald
C.O.
Dlvy 21 Oct

OSWALD.
C.W.O. Lieut.

A.I.F.
27th Bttn.

"KILLED IN ACTION 31.8.18."

Details Death & Burial.

Buried Herbecourt Communal Cemetery Extension E.S.E.of Bray - Sur Somme. W of Peronne.
Cert. by A.I.F. Hdqrs list 29.11.18.

London.
30.11.18.

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27th Battn.
A.I.F.

OSWALD. C.W.O.
Lieut.

"Killed in Action 31-8-18"

Herbecourt Cemetery. near Peronne. I helped to bury him. Map reference Sheet 62.C. H.26. C.LI.
Copied from his book.

Informant:- Kirwan.76[0].
ANZAC BUFFET.

D.P.Dickson.
London.
20-1-19.
J.E.A.

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27th Battn.
A.I.F.

OSWALD.
Lieut. C.W.O.

"Killed in Action 31-8-18"

I did not see Lieut Oswald.D.Company. killed by shell (don't know whether instantly) near Mont St Quentin, whilst on his way back to get a Machine Gun in the afternoon, but I have seen his grave and a cross was erected over it.

Informant:- Lieut.W.L.Davies.
27th Battalion.
Have endorsement of above from Cpl Coats.5325.A.Company and Pte F.E.Smith 6162. D.Coy. but have not found anyone who saw Lieut Oswald killed. He was shot through neck and Cpl Bob Heller (wounded at same time and now in Blighty or returned Australia) was with him, according to Smith's report. H.E.H.

Note:- H.Q. report that 1933.Cpl.R.Hellow.27th Bn. returned to Australia per Delta. 24-1-19.

H.E.H.
London.
19-3-19.
J.E.A.

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27th Battn.
A.I.F.

OSWALD.
Lieut. C.W.O.

"Killed in Action 31-8-18"

I buried Lieut Oswald at Hesbecourt Cemetery after he had been killed instantly.

Informant:- Sgt Mc Millan. 385.
27th Battn. Hqrs.

H.E.H.
London.
19-3-19.

J.E.A.

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Havre. 6th. March 1919.

27th. A.I.F. Oswald. Lieut. C. W. O.

K. August 31/1918. Det. D/B.

~~Pte. J. V. Mitchell~~ He was killed by a shell on the Somme, and I assisted to bury him, but I cannot remember the name of the village where the Cemetery was. He came from Adelaide. My address is Plympton, Adelaide.

Inf:- Pte. J. V. Mitchell, 6855,
27th. A.I.F. H.Q's.
Austr. Demob. Base.

RBS/v

RRB.

J.E.O.

A.I.F.
27th Btn.

OSWALD, C.W.O.
Lieut.

K.in act. 31/8/18

I was in the same trench as Lieut.Oswald at Mont St Quentin when a shell got him. He was killed instantly. I do not know where he was buried.

Description:- Height about 5'9", dark complexion. Hair was inclined to be of Ginger color.

Informant:- Marks, C.E. 6185 27th Btn.

Home address:- 35 East St., Brompton. S.Australia.

R.E. Andrews
H.M.A.T.Port Denison.

15 MAY 1919

A.I.F.
27th Battalion.

OSWALD.C.W.O. Lieut.

K 31-6-18

Witness was in "D" Company same as deceased. Witness heard from Quartermaster Mitchell - who is still with the Unit - that Lieut. Oswald was killed outright.

Witness - Sergeant Major Young,
27th Battalion.

Home Address - 10 Rowsell St.,
North Adelaide.

F.de V.Lamb, Major,
H.M.T."Euripides".
18/3/19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

A.I.F. 36th Btn

OSWALD
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"WOUNDED"

Adm. 3rd Rest Camp Marlboro Boulogne 28-6-17 - ex 10th Conv: Depot Ecault

Cert. by A.I.F.Headquarters 13-7-17.

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London
16-7-17