

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**4876 Private
Herbert Wakeling**

30th Battalion



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30th Battn.
A.I.F.

WAKELING
H. 4876

"Killed 21st-6-18"

Wakeling, also Cecil Fawsitt were killed outright by rifle bullets at Morlancourt as they were coming back on a patrol. I saw their bodies when they were brought back. They are buried just behind the front line at Morlancourt, and graves marked with a Cross. I saw the graves afterwards. He was in same Coy. as I.

Informant. Cavanaugh. S. 4160
30th Battn. B. Coy.,
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London
20-9-18
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WAKELING, H. 4876.

Z. June 17/18. Det. D/B.

At Morlancourt near Albert he was on a right raid and was hit through the head and killed instantly by a rifle bullet. I was in the ~~trench~~ trench close to him and saw him hit. He was brought in and buried in the open behind the front line and a cross marks the grave which I have seen. Wakeling's home was in Graylands, Manly, where he was a Labourer. He was aged about 23, a big man.

Reference: A. Sullivan, 4851. B Co.
No. 11 Con. Camp Buchy Nr. Rouen. 21.9.18.

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30th Battn.
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WAKELING.
H. 4876.

"Killed 17.6.18."

Wakeling was out on a wiring party in the Heilly Sector on June 17th. He was crawling in with some others in a direction which they were not expected, some of our machine guns were turned on them as we thought they were Germans. Wakeling and the Corporal were killed. Wakeling was buried behind the front line in the Heilly Sector. I saw his grave, there was no cross over it at the time, but I understood that one would be put up.

Description:- Undoubtedly like man in question.

Home address.

Ernchail Cottage,
James Street,
Leichardt St.
Sydney.
M. S. W1

Informant:- S/B. J. H. Rawcliffe, 4840.
30th Battalion, A Co.,
A. I. F.
Bethnal Green.

Theodora Byard.
London.
23.9.18.
H. G.

S.

Havre.

27th. September. 1918.

30th. Australians.

Wakeling. H. 4876.

K. June. 17/1918. Dets. D/E.

He was killed by a bullet at Morlancourt and was brought in on the following morning and I buried him behind the support line. There was no Cross put up then as we were relieved that night. There may have been one put up after. I do not know where he came from.

Inf:- Private. W. Frame. 852.
30th. Australians. B.H.Q. S/Bearer.
Australian Conv. Camp.
Rouelles.

GRR.

OP.

Havre.

30th. September. 1918.

30th. Australians.

Wakeling. H. 4876.

K. June. 17/1918. Dets. D/E.

He was one of a covering party for a wiring detachment who were out about 11. p.m. and was killed by a bullet on the spot at Morlancourt and I saw his Grave, there was a rough Cross over it then, but another was put up afterwards. The ~~wiring party~~ wiring party challenged them and not getting any reply fired on the covering party, and killed two, the L/Corporal and Wakeling, and wounded one man, Private. James Dick, of the 7th. Platoon.

Inf:- Private. A. H. Blackman. 4497.
30th. Australians. B. 5.
Australian Conv. Camp.
Rouelles.

GRR.

OP.

30th Batta.
A.I.F.

WAKELING.
H. 4876.

"Killed in Action 17-6-18"

Wakeling was buried behind the front line on the Bray-
Gerbie Road. His grave was marked by a cross.

Informant:- Lane Arthur Leslie. 2083. Pte. (reliable)
30th Batta. A.I.F.

F.J. Kingsley.
London.
4-10-18.
J.E.A.

Bath War Hpl.
BRISTOL.

S.

Havre

4th Octr 1918.

Australians. 30.

Wakeling H. No. 4876.

K. 17th June 1918. Det D/B.

He was out with a covering party where a detachment was wiring in No Man's Land. The wiring men said they did not know the covering party was out, and fired and killed a L/Cpl, and Wakeling, and several others. I saw them buried just behind the front line. There were two brothers of them in the same Company and Platoon, and the other is still with the Battn.

Inf:- Pte C.D.Dawson No. 4253.
A.I.F. 30. B. VII.
Australian Conv. Depot.

ORR.

PP.

Havre,

7th, October 1918.

30th, Australians.

Wakeling, H. 4876.

K, June 17/1918, Det, D/B.

Pte, G. Wakeling, 30th, Australians, B, Coy. -his brother- told me he was killed by a rifle bullet at Morlancourt, on about June 17/1918. He was probably buried near where he was killed. I knew him. About 5 feet 6, dark, well built, about 24 years.

Inf:- L. G. Mills, No. 2689,
30th, Australians, B, Coy.
No, 74, General Hospital,

HJG.

RRB

Havre

10th Octr 1918.

Australians. 30.

Wakeling H. No. 4876.

A. 17th June 1918. Det D/B.

He was in B. Company. On the 17th June at night a patrol party went out of about 5 men, Wakeling being one. For some reason the Company was not warned that this party was out, and spotting someone out in front of our lines, naturally opened fire on them. Luckily only one was killed, and that was poor Wakeling, and he was killed right out. He had a brother in B. Company, and up to the time I left the Brother did not know how his brother was killed, he only knew he was hit while out on patrol. Nobody would tell him the real truth. This happened about 1 kilometre from Morlancourt. To the best of my belief Wakeling's body was buried at Morlancourt, but I have never seen his grave.

Inf:- Ste T.E. Turner No. 5101.
A.I.F. 30. BC
Hospital Ship.

JND.

PP.

ESSEX.
A. I. F. 30.

WAKELING, H. 4876.

K. June 17th, 1918. Det.D/B.

Wakeling was in VII pl. of B.Coy. and his Christian name was Herbert. About 6 p.m. one day in mid-June in front of Morlancourt he and 2 other men were out in No Mans Land on a covering party. They were spotted by the enemy who opened fire on them with m.guns. Wakeling and one of the other men being killed outright, the third man dying later. At night time his body was brought back and I saw it in the trenches the next morning. I noticed that he had been shot through the head and it was quite evident that death must have been instantaneous. He was buried during the night and a cross was duly erected. The ground has always remained in our possession.
Informant:-Pte.W.A.Bridge.4126. 8 Gen. Hosp. GJS.

Note:- Since taking this report, intimation arrives that this name is to be cancelled. I send the report along, however, in case you should like to make any use of it. GJS.

Rouen
12.10.18. S. 2.5.11