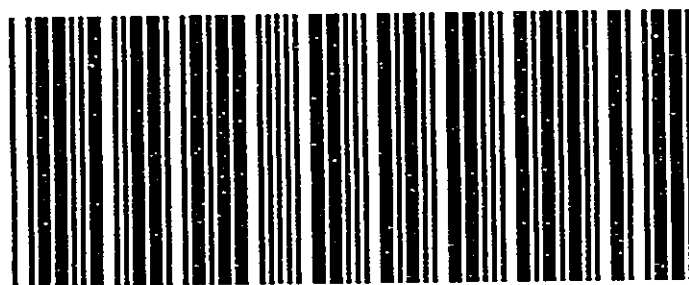


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**7340 Private
William Waldron**

5th Battalion



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WALDRON, W. 7340.

K. April 19th 1918.

I can only tell you where his grave is. It is at Borre in a registered Mil.Cem. and the reason I know this is ~~because~~ because when one day digging trenches there I particularly noticed it. There were four others buried with him and the place is marked with a white cross. I did not know him well, but remembered his name and number, and also know that he came from Stapwell. About 5ft 9, dark and clean shaven.

Victoria

Inf: Pte A.J.O'Connor. 6556. A.III.

No. 13 Gen Hosp.

BOULOGNE. 17.7.1918.

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WALDRON, W. 7340.

K. April 19th 1918. Dets.

His grave is at Borre semetery and has a cross to mark the spot. I have seen it.

Inf: R.Ashe. 5647. 5.A.I.

No. 7 Stat Hosp.

BOULOGNE. 18.7.1918.

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5th Battn.
A.I.F.

WALDRON
W. 7340

"Killed 9-4-18"

At Cañtre, in a village near there, he was killed by shell. He was missing, but search was made next morning and his body found. I saw the body and saw it taken away for burial, but I did not see grave. I knew him well. He was about 5'6" and stout.

Informant. Johnson. 1487
Ward 30,
HAREFIELD.

D.P. Dickson
London
23-7-18
H.G.

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5th. Battn. A. I. F.

Waldron, W. Pts. No. 7340.

No. I. Platoon. A. Company.

Killed. April 19th. 1918. Det. D/E.

I saw him killed instantly by a shell whilst we were in billets at the back of Fletre, between Bailleul and Caestre. He was buried where he fell by a party from the company. I could not say if a cross was erected. I knew him in the company, he came over with the 23rd. Reinforcements, but I could not say where he came from.

Description. Age. 19. Height. 5-8. Complexion. Fair. Well Built.

Witness. Pte. Honeychurch, H. G. No. 595B. A. Company. 5th. Battalion.

Taken at.
No. 3. C. D. Hurdcott.
25. 7. 18.
S. W.

S. Whitmee,
No. 4. Command Depot,
Hurdcott.

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26th July 1918.

A.I.F. 5.

Waldron W. No. 7340.

K. 19th April 1918. Det D/B.

I knew Pte Waldron of A.Coy. he came from Melbourne in the 24th to the 5th Reinforcement in the 'Sallarot' sailing on the 19th February 1917. He was killed by a shell in billets at Thieusbrook near Hasebrook in April 1918. I did not see his body nor do I know where he was buried.

Inf:- Pte W. Dwyer No. 7238.

A.I.F. 5. C. X.

Australian Camp.

Rouelles.

RM.

PP.

A.I.F. 5.

WALDRON, W. 7340.

K. April 19th, 1918. Det.

I knew Waldron by sight only and I was told by several men in his col that he had been mortally wounded some time in April and had D/W some three days later. I have seen his grave in a military cemetery in Borre village. It has got a cross over it with his name number and unit.

Inf. Pts. R. Ashe, 5647. A.I.

No. 7.C.C.

BOULONNE. 29.7.18. AGL.

Havre

30th July 1918.

A.I.F. 5.

Waldron W. No. 7340.

K. 19th April 1918. Det D/B.

I was on the burying party that buried Waldron. In the Cemetery at Boers. A Regimental Cross was put up with name and number. ~~XXXXXX~~ ~~Heir~~ was buried at the same time.

Inf:- Pte T. Stephens No. 555 A.
A.I.F. 5. H.Q.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

SJ.

PP.

A. I. F. 5.

WALDRON, W. 7340.

K. April 19th, 1918. Det. D/B.

He was killed at the top of a hill above Caestre, which we had marched to from Hieppe Forest. I cannot say the exact date but it was in April and I saw it happen. Fritz was shelling the place heavily at the time and he was killed outright by a shell. I do not know where it was exactly but our own Battn. Pioneers buried him. He came from the mountainous country of Victoria and was in A. Coy. I platoon.

GGP.

Informant:- Snodgrass, L/Cpl. J.L. 2455. 5.A.I.
A.T. "Cambria".

Calais
18.8.18.

5th A. I. F.

Waldron, Pte W. 7Z40,

(K. April 19/18)

"We were in billets at Hazebrouck having just come out of the line. Waldron of A. Coy was killed outright, just outside the big flour mill he was killed in. We buried him in a small cemetery we had opened at Berre, a Padre officiated and a nice cross was put up. Waldron and I came over together."

Eye-witness: Yes

Description: Medium height and build, medium colouring, 24-26, called 'Bill'

Informant: Pte Herbert Gabell, 7259,
5th Aust. Inf. B. VI,
5th Southern General Hospital,
Milton Section, Portsmouth.

Home address:

8 Duke St.
Abbotsford.

20th August 1918.

Elsie C. Hughes.

Wolbeurne.

[Handwritten signature]

5th A.I.F.

Waldron. Pte. W. 7340.
A Coy. 1 Pl.

(K. Ap. 19/18)
Dets. D/B.

"I was with Pte. W. Waldron when he was killed by a shell whilst in reserve behind Fletre on the 19th April 1918 or thereabouts. He is buried I think at Borre."

Eyewitness: Yes.

Description: About 5'9", dark, thickset, good at wood cutting came from Stawell.

Informant: Pte. F.A. Raner. 7543.
5th A.I.F. A Coy. 1 Pl.
Norfolk War Hospital,
Norwich.

Home address:
Sunnyside,
Westcourt Rd,
Worthing, Sussex.

21.8.18.
E.Rice

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Ed
Luff

5 A.I.F.

Waldron, W. 7340
B. Coy.
K. April 19/18.
Det. D/B.

"I saw Waldron killed in April, close by a mill near Thieshook. The Germans were shelling the mill at midnight. Several of us took cover in a small house close by, but a shell fell on the house killing three men, so Waldron left us, and ran across a little paddock to take shelter in a trench which was at the other side of it. A shell caught him as he was running and he was killed at once."

Eye-Witness: Yes.

Description: He was a farmer in Australia. He left there in 1917. We came over together on H.M.S. Ballarat which was torpedoed.

Informant: Pte George Cuffe, 7225,
5 A.I.F.
B. Coy. V. Fla.

Home address: Police Station Hapsbury War Hospital,
St. Albans.

22.8.18.
Dorothy Worssam.

Sealake,
Victoria.

M
Ed
Luff

5th Battn.
A.I.F. 51

W. WALDRON.
7340.5

"Killed In Action 19-4-18"

Waldron was in a barn near Flete at the rear of the Mill in which I was billeted, after the Germans had shelled us out I saw lying dead and was told that he had been crushed owing to the fall of a big beam in the barn which was destroyed by shells. He was buried at Caestre in same place as Barlow of the same Battalion, and Company, and I afterwards saw the cross which had been placed over his grave. The ground was held;

Eye-Witness:- I saw him after death.

Description:-

Home address:-
13 Charley Street.

Brunswick, Melbourne.

John W. Barnett.

London.

3-10-18.

E.G.

Informant:- Kressen, Lawrence. 7038, Pte.

5th Battn. A.I.F. B.V.

Great Western Red Cross Hpl.

BRISTOL.

M.

5th Btn/

WALDRON, W.
Bte. 7340.

Kld. in act. 19/4/18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5 ft. 8 ins. medium build, dark complexion, about 21 years of age, known as "Bill". Casualty was in billets at the side of Borre. The Germans were shelling us heavily and Casualty ran out to the back of the building. An H.K. shell exploded a direct hit on Casualty killing him instantly. He was most severely wounded all over and I saw his body afterwards. He was buried at the Borre Cemetery and I saw his grave. A cross was erected with his name, number and unit on it."

Informant:- Pte. T. F. Webb,
No. 3319, 5th Btn.

Private address:-
"Gunyah"
Ararat.

T.C.F.
7/2/19.

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5th Btn.

WALDRON, W.
Pte. 7340.

Killed in action 19/4/18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5 ft. 9 ins. well built, he had just joined us. I did not see Casualty killed but he was killed by a bomb from a plane at Caestre. I carried the body from Caestre to Borre in a waggon for burial along with five other men. He was buried at Borre in a small cemetery and a cross was erected with his name and number on it."

Informant:- Pte. E. Wilson,
No. 144, 5th Btn.

Private address:-
287 Cecil Street,
Albert Park.

T.C.F.
1/11/18.

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