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1207 Corporal
William Wallace Phee

34th Battalion



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A.I.F. 34th Battn.

W.W.Cpl. (William PHEE Wallace) 1207

K/A 6 - 11/6/17

No trace in Germany
Cert. by Capt. Hill 10/10/19

London
24/10/19

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34th Battn
AIF

PHHS
W.W. 1207

"Killed in Action 6/11.6.17.

Killed in Action between 6-11.6.17. no special date given.

Next of kin:- Father,
Henry Phee,
Rawson Street,
Aberdare N.S.W.

London.
21.1.18

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34th Batt,
A. I. F.

Phee,
Cpl. W. W. 1207

"Missing 7/11.6.17"

Killed in Action 6/11. 6 17. - Previously reported Missing

Cert, by A. I. F. Headquarters dated 3.12.17

London 7.12.17

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34th A.I.F. W. W. PHEE. 1207.

M. 7/11.6.17.

I saw this man after he had been gassed near the dressing station on the 8th June at Growse Point. I knew him well, he was a Scotchman by birth and had been a coal worker at Cessnock or Aberdeen. I never saw nor heard of him again.

Reference: Pte. D. Bailey. 1077. 34th Bn.

No.10 General, Rouen. 27.10.17.

RSH.

34th Battalion.

PHEE, W.W.
1207 Cpl.

Missing 11/6/17.

Phee was a Cpl. in D.Co.XVII Platoon with me; he was my Corporal and his initials were W.W. he came from Cessnock where he was I think a Miner. I remember his being gassed about 6-6-17 at Messines and being sent back before we went over the top on 7/6/17. He walked back to the Dressing Station. THis was in the support trench at Messines behind the front line. I spoke to him as he went back, he was able to answer but seemed pretty bad. He would have been with us in the attack on the 7/6/17 but he was not there and I reported having seen him gassed the day before. I reported this to Lt.McKenzie and he marked Phee as absent. About 10/6/17 at Headquarters I saw Phee's name posted as Missing. About 13/6/17 two English Artillery Sergeants reported having found the dead body of a man who had died from gas poison and from the description they gave it was supposed to be Phee. Phee was 5ft 10 fair medium build. Sgt.Peck told me about the English sergeants finding the body and describing it like Phee's. His name was still posted as Missing so far as I know.

Informant: Crossfield, J. Pte 1107
34th Battn. D.Co.XVII Platoon.
No.4 Australian General Hospital, RANDWICK.
A reliable witness.

H.S.O.
7/12/17.

Sgt J Peck

SYDNEY BUREAU.

34th Battn.
A.I.F.

Phee.
W.W. 1207

"Killed in Action 6-11.6.17"

He was blown to pieces by a shell but not on this date it was in July about same time as Parsons (34th 867) was killed (July 20th) Phee was a S.B. and carried on all through the July Stunt. We were in the trenches about 100 yards away and I did not actually see the advance. The ground was held and he was killed after the advance while we were coming up in the support trenches. 2 others killed and one wounded at same time (names unknown). Phee is buried at Messines Ridge on the field but I can't say if a cross erected.

Witness:-
W.F.Toomey 1893
34th Battn.
Hut 75 Westham.

W.A.Rand

London.
7.1.18.

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Note Asking H.Q.to verify 29.12.17.

34th Battn.
A.I.F.

Cpl. W.W. No.1207.

K/A 6-11/6/17.

Informant described Phee as about 5'6" high, slight, dark, age about 23 or 24; believed to have come from Scotland.

Informant states that on 7/6/17 (not the date officially given) his Battalion was about to attack the Germans. They were to start the advance at 3 a.m. and Phee was seen about an hour before that time proceeding through a wood to take up his position. He was not seen afterwards, although it is assumed he took part in the attack. The foregoing was common report, although informant was not one of the last to see Phee.

Informant - Sig. R.E.Garth, No.1130,
34th Battalion,
No.4 Australian General Hospital,
Randwick.

Home Address - Post Office, Newcastle.

W.E.G
17/1/18.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

34th Battn
A.I.F.

PHSE.
W.W. 1207

"Missing 7.6.17."

He was my Corpl. and we were making our way through the wood to the front line at 1 a.m. (The wood at the time was full of gas and he complained to me several times of the gas.) A gas shell suddenly burst between him and me (about 6 yards) and I have never seen him since. When the shell burst I called out to him to ask if he was alright but received no reply.

Witness:-
Sergt. W, Peck. 1214.
34th Battn
Dartford.

London.
29.8.17.

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Statement made by No.1214 Sgt Peck W. 34th Btn

re No.1207 Pte Phee W.W. 34th Btn
Missing 7.6.17 4/11/6

When advancing into the line through Ploegsteert Wood on the early morning of June 7th (Cpl, not Pte) Phee was about five yards behind me when we were about half way through. A gas shell fell to the right between us. It knocked us both down, when I got up I called to Cpl Phee who was still down asking how he was but got no answer. I did not see him afterwards as we had to go on. I was acting pltn commander.

Dated at Dartford this 8th day of September 1917.

(Sgd) W. Peck.

Statement made and signed before me (Sgd) B. Ingram.