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510 Private Wesley Ernest Redford

28th Battalion



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28th Battn Australian Imperial Force

Redford, Pte. W.E.
510.

(K ~~H~~. June 1 18. Dets
D & B).

" Redford was killed by an aeroplane bomb at night in the reserve trench at Le Houssaye ? near Albert He is buried with Pte. Reidquite close to the place where he was killed. He was killed instantly. "

Eye Witness - Yes.

Description

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A. I. F. 25th Bn. REDFORD, W. E. 510.
RYDER, A. H. 5072.

K. June 1/18. Det.D/B.

They were Signallers, but were both with B.Coy. on the night of May 31-Junel. We were close by Lahcussaye, N. of Amiens. B.Coy. that night were just going to their rest trenches after being relieved from the front line. Before reaching these trenches, a bomb came over killing both Redford and Ryder and 27 others others of B.Coy. I was not very far off at the time with our Coy. H.Q. in a ditch. In my note book I have the Casualty as the night of May 31st. Ryder had only joined us recently. I do not know any personal details. Redford was an old soldier, initials "W.R."; his No. only 3 figures.

Reference: Pte.J.O'Sullivan, 1499A, Sgnr.HQ.Co.

No.5 General, Rouen, 4.9.18.

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28th Battn: Redford, W.E. 510.

K. 1/6/18.

HHe was in B. Company. We (A. Company) got back to the reserve line about 2 a.m. just after the B. Company turned off from the Amiens-Albert Road when Fritz dropped 2 bombs right on top of Redford, Maxwell & Reid blowing them to pieces. These bombs killed 26 and wounded 37. We collected all that was possible of them and buried them in a cemetery between Franillers and La Hussie.

28th Battn: Price, C.W. Sgt. 6137.

6 A. Dartford. 20/7/18.

R.D.B.

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Havre. 28th. July 1918.

28th. Australians,

K. June. 1/1918 Dets. D/B.

Redford, W.E. 510,
Hazel, W.J. 6590
Maxwell, G.S. 4851,
Reid, J. 6640
Trezise, J.C. 5105

These 5 were in B.Coy, at La Houyse, when an aeroplane bomb dropped and killed 27, and wounded 35; 6 of the wounded died. This was about 10 Kilos behind the line. I (Townson), was hit by the same bomb. I know the 5 I mention were in the batch of men hit, & they were never heard of since. They must have been killed. Only some of the killed were recognisable. When in an ambulance next day, I saw a party preparing graves a few yards from the place.

Inf:- R. K. Townson, No.3437,
28th. Australians, B. Coy.
Australian Conv. Camp, Rouelles.

I went and saw the place after but could not recognise any of the dead, but I saw the place.

Inf:- L. Janes, No.4760,
28th. Australians, A. 4.
Australian Conv. Camp.
Rouelles.

F.A.

SJ. RRB.

Havre 4th August 1918.

A.I.F. 28.

K. 1st June 1918. Det D/B.

Redford W.E. 510.
Reid J. No. 6640.
Hasell W.J. 6590.
Kent G.A. 323.
Maxwell G.S. 4851.

On the 1st June about 2 a.m. just as the Battn had come out of the front line and reached the reserve trenches at La Houzeye, a Fritz aeroplane dropped several bombs amongst us. 27 boys were killed instantly, 2 died of wounds almost immediately, and 38 were more or less wounded. All those killed were buried in the Military Cemetery at Bonquevillers and crosses put on the graves.

Inf:- Ste J.R.Williams No. 5109.
A.I.F. 28. A. II
Australian Conv. Depot.
Rouelles.

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RBM. PP.