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Lieutenant
Noel Plunkett Power

4th Battalion



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A.I.F.
4th Bn.

POWER
Lieut.

Killed in action 4.10.17.

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No trace Germany.

Cert. by Capt. Mills 10.10.19.

Case of Casualty	Casualty	Unit	Issue
London 18.10.19.			S & B'logne.

4th Batt,
A. I. F.

Power,
Lieut. Noel Plunket

"Missing 4.10.17"

Killed in Action 4.10.17 - Previously reported Missing

Cert, by A. I. F. Headquarters dated 6.12.17

London 8.12.17.

Off M & P. I (BUCONE)

A.I.F. 4.

POWER, Lt H.P.

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M, Oct. 4th 1917.

He has been officially reported as Killed in Battle Orders and the Ze Anzac Magazine. I last saw him when we were attacking to the left of Polygon Wood just before we reached the first objective. We went beyond this and we held the ground. I do not know any details as to his burial.

Inf: W.D.Morgan. 838. 4.B.V.

No. 1 W.C.

BOULOGNE. 12.12.17.

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Kia A. Boul

4th A.I.F.

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Lieut. E. P. POWER.

M. 4.10.17.

In the attack on Oct. 4 at West Oak Ridge I was with him all the time till past the 1st objective, and here we got beyond our own barrage. I heard Major Brown of B Co. call Lt. Power back behind the barrage and I saw him start back and almost immediately a shell burst just where he was - he was enveloped in smoke and dust and that was the last I saw of him. When I went on to the 2nd Objective he was not there. I was only 10 yards from him when the shell burst - it was beyond him and fragments of it caught my helmet. Of course we ducked at once and immediately after came the order to advance, and I had not time to see if his remains were there. I feel personally convinced the shell must have killed him.

Reference: Pte. W. T. Charles, 6972.
No. 11 Con. Camp Buchy Nr. Rouen. 12.11.17.

FEP.

Chubb
Boul

Havre

14th November.1917.

4th AUSTRALIANS

POWER, Lieut. H.P.

^{KA}
Oct. 4th.1917.

He was tall, broad shouldered, dark and clean shaven. He was Transport Officer in the 4th Batt., and then went to a Company about June last. I was on H.Q., about a fortnight ago, and happened to see a report of a Court of Enquiry, that had been held on him in the Battalion, and he was put down as killed as the result of the enquiry.

Informant: H. Paine, 1169

4th Australians, H.Q.Co.

Australian Camp, Bouclion.

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2.10.17
Power

4th Battn.
A.I.F.

Power.
Lieut.N.P.

Quia
"Missing 4.10.17"

He was my Platoon Officer V Platoon B.Coy. and has been reported in official casualty list as Killed. I can't say anything about casualty myself.

Witness:-

E.Eckman 1940
4th Battn.B.Coy. V Pltn.
Hut 21. Westham.

W.A.Rand

London.
13.12.17.

Off.M.
Boulogne.

Havre.

2nd January 1918.

4th Australians.

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M. 10.17

~~Especially.~~

Power Lieut. M.P.

He used to be Batten Transport officer.

On the 4th October we were attacking on Broodseinde Ridge near Passchendaele. It was officially reported at H.Q. that Lieut. M.P. Power was killed.

Inf:- L/Cpl Grosley-Jones No.1715.

4th H.Q. Australians.

No. 2. Gen. Hosp. (Palais).

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4th A.I.F.

Power. Lt. N.P.

(K. Oct. 4/17.)

Det. D/B.

"I was with Lt. Power and Lt. Bottomley in advance of our front line, further than our objective on Oct. 4th at "Brudstein" I was in the trench cutting a cable, they were on the top looking out for machine guns. The shelling got very fierce and I went back to find my Coy. and never saw Lt. Power again. I saw Lt. Bottomley afterwards all right."

Eyewitness: See above.

Description:

Informant: A. Workmen. 1198.

4th A.I.F.

Clandon Park Hospital,

Home address: Guildford.

4 Church Street,
Paddington, Sydney.

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K. Wood.

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4th BATTALION. A.I.F.

POWER H.P., Lieutenant.

"KILLED. 4.10.17."

I knew Lieutenant Power.- he used to be Sergeant of the Transport. We were at Passchendaele on the above date. We were advancing on the Ridge. I was about 30 yards away from him, when a shell burst and killed him instantly.

He was a very popular officer.

INFORMANT:- Corporal G. Dean, 3074,
4th Battalion, A.I.F.

Present address: No.4 Hut,
No.4 Australian General Hospital,
RANDWICK.

W.H.J.
No.4 Australian General
Hospital, RANDWICK.
21.9.18.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

A.I.F.
4th Battalion.

POWER - Lieutenant.
H. P.

"Killed 4.10.17."

Lieutenant Power was sent out reconnoitring on patrol duty at Passchendaele and failed to return. I saw him on the day in question and never saw him again.

Informant: Sergeant J. Maguire, No. 131.
4th Battalion.

Home address: Chiswick, Parramatta River.

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Ansac Information Bureau, Sydney.
7.12.18.

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SYDNEY BUREAU.

4TH. BATTALION.

Lieutenant H. P. POWER.

"Killed in Action 4/10/17"

Mr. Power was a 1st. Lieutenant over me in B. Company and was I think in No. 7 platoon. His name was Noel and he was I think a country lad, he was well made and medium complexion. He was killed outright by a shell at Passchendaele Ridge on 4/10/17 and I saw his body afterwards, and am certain he was killed outright. This was as we were advancing and happened early in the morning of 4/10/17. Lieutenant Hawke H.W. since killed was near Mr. Power at the time.

Informant:- Private H. C. Beman, 2571,
4th. Battalion, formerly B. Company then
A. Company.

Home address:- Rookwood Road,
Bankstown.

H.S.O.
No. 4 Australian General Hospital, RANDWICK.
26/11/18.

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SYDNEY BUREAU.

A.I.F. 4th BATTALION.

POWER, Lieutenant,
N.P.

"KILLED 4/10/17."

Power was a 1st Lieutenant and came from Queensland - his name was Noel. He was in the stunt at Broodeseinde Ridge on 4/10/17. In the attack a shell was seen to explode quite close to him, and no further trace was ever seen of him. A court of enquiry was held and these facts were brought out. He was (before the enquiry) marked as missing, but the Regiment is satisfied that he was killed outright and this was the finding of the Court of Enquiry. He was in B Company.

INFORMANT - Lieutenant L.A. McKenzie,
4th Battalion Headquarters,
Acting Adjutant.

Home Address - "Hawthorn,"

Paterson Street,
CONCORD.

H.S.O.

No. 4 Australian General Hospital,

RANDWICK.

18/12/18.

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4th Battalion, A.I.F.

POWER N. P. Lieutenant.

"Killed in Action, 4/10/17."

Power's name was Noel, he was in B Co. of the 4th Battalion and the only officer of that name in the 4th Bn. at the time he was killed. He met a brother or cousin in France just before going into Broodeseinde and this relation was slightly wounded on the 3/10/17. In the attack on Broodeseinde on the 4/10/17 we had to halt for an hour at the first objective; during this halt, officers of the Company were called together and given further instructions - Power was one of them, and I remember speaking to him there. We officers then sent back to our platoons, Power left for his which was about 100 yards off. A few minutes later word came through from his Platoon - No. 5 that he was missing. I then took charge of his platoon with my own. We searched that ground for about 2 hours the next day, but no trace was found of him. Later on a Court of Enquiry was held and verdict given that Power had been killed in action. It was afterwards established that he did not reach his platoon after the conference of officers. To reach his platoon he would have to move slightly away, and not towards the German line. The shelling was very heavy and he must have been killed instantly by shell fire. It was quite impossible for him to have been taken prisoner. The conference of officers was held about 7 a.m. so there was no chance of his having lost his way in the dark.

Informant - Lieutenant R. H. Botterell,
4th Battalion, B. Co., 8th Platoon.

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Rawson Chambers. Home Address - 97 Hill Hill Road, Eaverley.

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4th Batta. ON. A.I.P.

POW. H.P. Lieutenant.

"Killed in Action. 4/10/17."

Informant states that on the 4/10/17, the Battalion was in action at Polygon Wood. They hopped over in the middle of the day. About two hours afterwards, informant saw the Lieutenant who had been evidently killed instantly not long after the hop-over, as he was found just over the line. Informant recognised him by some personal belongings on him, which however, he did not remove, as at the time they were advancing further forward. He never saw the Lieutenant again.

Informant added that Lieutenant Power was in charge of the Machine gun to which he (Informant) belonged, and prior to the hop-over, he had seen him alive at the jumping off ground. He was a well liked officer.

Informant - Sergeant P. Macaulay, No. 2483,
4th Battalion.

Home Address - 10 Lower Church Street,
Newcastle.

W.R.G.

No. 4 Australian General Hospital,
SYDNEY.

6/1/19.

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SYDNEY BUREAU.

4th Battalion. A.I.F.

POWER. H. P.
Lieutenant.

"Killed. 4.10.17".

Informant states that they both belonged to B.Company, the Lieutenant being in charge of No.5,Platoon.

On 4.10.17 the Battalion was in action near Polygon Wood. They hopped over at 5.30 a.m. About 2½ hours afterwards when they had gone on about 2 miles, and had got their first objective, they were resting along side Celtic Farm, between the first and second objectives. The Lieutenant was engaged in examining a Map when a shell burst quite close to him and killed him instantly. Informant was about 20 yards away, and saw the whole occurrence.

According to Informant the Lieutenant was an Officer very much liked by his men.

Informant:- Corporal W.W.Woodhouse, 1641,
B.Company, 4th Battalion.

Private Address:- Currabubula, N.S.Wales.

W.E.G.

Victoria Barracks, Sydney.

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SYDNEY BUREAU.

4th Battalion. A.I.F.

POWER. H. P.
Lieutenant

"Killed. 4. 11. 17". 4-10-17

Lieutenant Power joined my Company in France. I was then the Company Commander. I knew him very well. On the 4th October, 1917 we were advancing in the Passchendaele Sector. I did not see him hit, in fact I do not think that anyone ever did, but a shell burst and killed him outright.

Informant:- Major D.E.Brown,

Private Address:- Fairholme,
Lurline Street,
Katoomba.

W.C.V.

Victoria Barracks, Sydney.

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SYDNEY BUREAU.

S. Smith