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867 Private
George Victor Wilde

5th Battalion



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5th A.I.F.

Wilde. G.V. 867

(K. June 14/18)
Dets. D/B.

"I have seen the grave of Sgt. Wilde (5.C?) He was buried in a cemetery just outside Hazebrouck. There was a cross put up. I believe he was killed instantaneously by a shell while going up to the line at night in June in the Meteren Sector."

Eyewitness: He has seen his grave.

Description: Cheltenham, Victoria, original 5 Bn.Man.

Informant: Pte. [illegible]m. Mann. 5254.
5th Bn. A.I F. D. XIV°
3rd Southern General Hospital,
The Base, Oxford.

Home address:
Regent St,
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19.8.18.
H.M.P-C.

A.I.P. 5th Bat.

Wylde,G.V. 867

K.JUNE 14/18

I have no knoeledge of how Wylde met his death, but I know where he is buried, having seen the grave.
It is in a cemetary at La Karule, near Hersbrook, and has a cross on it.
Wylde was a man about 50; short and fair; and I fancy he was married.
He was an engineer by trade, and had invented several things, and he joined the batallion as armourer sergeant. I do not know from what partof Australia he was from.

Inf. Lindeman, Corp. H.R. 2619, C.Coy. 5 Bat.

C.R.C.

5th A. I. F. Wilde, G.V. 867,

(K. June 14/18 Det: D/B)

"I heard that Pte Wilde (5. C. IX) was blown up by a shell and killed instantaneously, about June 14th at Strazeele, while out on fatigue. I was in the front line and did not see it happen. When I was at the Dressing station the next night I was told he was killed. I believe he was buried at Le Kreule."

Eye-witness: No, told by men at Dressing Station

Description: 3rd Reinforcements, I can give no particulars, I did not know him personally

Informant: Cpl Sidney Tivey, 4521,
5th A.I.F., C.Coy, XII Pltn,
(now II Pltn),
3rd Southern General Hospital,
The Base, Oxford.

Home address:
21 Miller St,
North Fitzroy.

19 Aug/16.
Hilda M. Pickard-Cambridge.

5th A.I.F. WILDE, G.V. 867,
C.Coy, IX. Plat.

K. 14.6.18.

"I was present at Wilde's burial just by Honchem (?) The Pioneers made a cross for his grave."

Eye-witness:-

Description:-

Informant:- Pte. W.H. Evans, 5692,
C.Coy, X Plat.,
5th A.I.F.
York House Military Hospital,
Folkestone.

Home address:- 42, Stevedore Street,
North Williamstone,
Victoria.

20/8/18.
E. Rees.

5th Battn.
A.I.F.

WILDE
C.V. 867

"Killed 14-6-18"

Wilde was killed outright in a raiding party in Straazeele sector by M.G. burst, getting full issue. He was brought back and is buried in the same Cemetery as Lt.Kay, at Le Croix, and Cross erected. I saw his body when it was brought back and have seen his grave.

Informant. Owens. R.G. 444
5th Battn. B.Coy.,
WESTHAM.

W.A.Rand
London
27-8-18
H.G.

M.

Havre. 28th. August. 1918.

5th. Australians. Wildo, G. V. 867.

K. June. 14/1918. Dets. D/B.

I know him well; very clever man, about 30/32. I think a mechanic in general, used to specialize as a lense grinder before the War; had been Armoury Sergeant in England. I know he was kiled at Strazeele in June. I have seen his Grave in a Cemetery about 14 Kilometres from Bere. A Cross was up. about half a dozen other Graves there.

Inf:- Private. J. F. Marshall. 6530.
5th. Australians. C.
Hospital Ship.

M

WHB.

CP.

5th Battn.
A.I.F.

WILDE.
G.V. 867.

"Killed 14-6-18"

He was of C.Company. IX Platcon. At Strazeele in middle of June he was on fatigue party and going up to front line. This was about midnight. Killed outright by shell, S/B who took him out next day reckoned he must have been killed outright. He had leg blown off and knocked about a good deal. Was buried in La Kreule Military Cemetery between Hazebrouck and Bailleul. I have seen his grave - cross erected. I did not know him personally.

Kreule

Informant:- Pte.C.W.Stevens. 4928.
5th Battn. C.Coy. H.Q.
HAREFIELD.

A.D.G.
London.
2-9-18.
J.E.A.

M.

A.I.F. 5. WILDE, G.V, 867.

K.June 14/18. Det. D/B.

Wilde was buried in the Military Cemetery at Croiselles. A cross marks the grave which I have seen and also have a record of it in my book (Produced). As a pioneer it was part of my work tp bury the dead.

Referemce: V.A.Mounsey, 1113.

No.11 Con.Camp Buchy Nr.Rouen. 2.9.18.

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5th Btn.

WILDE, G. V.
Sgt. 867.

Kld. in Act. 14/6/18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a tall man, about 5 ft. 11 ins. very well built, dark complexion, about 35 years of age, known as "George". Casualty was killed by shell fire and his body was brought back to our lines at La Kreual, Hazelbrouck. He is buried at the Borre Cemetery, and I helped to bury him. A cross was erected over the grave with his name, number and unit on it."

Informant:- Pte. W. D. White,
No. 221, 5th Btn.

Private address:-
127 Collins Street,
Melbourne.

T.C.F.
21/2/19.

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5th Btn.

WILDE, G. V.
Sgt. 867/

Kld. in Act. 14/6/18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a short man, slightly built, moustache, medium complexion, about 32 years of age, and was a Sgt. Casualty was on a ration pary in the front line at Strazeele front. A 5.9 shell exploded near Casualty killing him instantly and Pte. Randall. I did not see Casualty killed but I saw his body two days later. He was most severely wounded all over. He was buried in a cemetery in the rear of La Breade which is near Borre and I saw his grave. A cross was erected with his name, number and unit on it."

Informant:- Cpl. R. C. Allen,
No. 1336, 5th Btn.

Private address:-
"Mavis"
Corso Road,
Mentone.

T.C.F.
31/1/19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU—MELBOURNE.

5th Btn.

WILDE, G.V.
Sgt. No. 867

Kld. in act. 14.6.16.

"I knew Casualty. He was a well built man, about 5' 9" in height, dark complexion about 22 years of age. Casualty was in the front line at Strazeele. He was carrying ammunition to the front line and while he was away Fritz opened fire between supports and front line where Casualty was carrying. An H.E. shell exploded near Casualty killing him instantly. I saw his body the next day and helped to carry it to Dressing Station. He was buried at Borre Cemetery."

Informant:- S. Izard
No. 3464

Private address
Barraknabeal.

N.A.T.
17.4.19.

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