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732 Private
Lancaster Charles
Wettenhall

41st Battalion



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A.I.F. 41 WETTENHALL, L.C. 732.

H.Oct.10/17. Det. D/B.

On Oct.10 we were going up to relieve the S.Lancs, when a shell dropped close to the L.G.Team and killed them all. Wettenhall was one and was killed instantly. I was close to him at the time and saw him killed. We were at Passchendaele at the time which was 4.30 p.m. He was buried by the 3rd Pioneers, I do not know exactly where. He was in D Co. 9 Pl. and was a dark short man who spoke very slowly.

Reference: G.R.Thimble, 1916. C. 9.
No.11 Con.Camp Buchy Nr.Rouen. 2.9.18.

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41st Battn.
A.I.F.

WETTENHALL
L.C. 732

"Killed 10-10-17"

He was in C.Coy. Refer to Sgt.A.G.Pearce, C.Coy. 41st Battn., who is now in France, for he can give particulars of death and burial.

Informant. Sohmidt. R/O/M/Sgt. H.W. 564
Hqts. 41st Battn.,
3rd A.A.H.,
DARTFORD.

W.Oman
London
7-9-18
H.G.

Note:-
Written Sgt.Pearce 9-6-18 Boul.

41st. Battn.
A.I.F.

WEXENHALL.
L. C. 752.

"Killed 10.10.17."

Wexenhall was killed instantaneously by a shell, about 5 o'clock in the evening of the date given above. He was, at the time going towards Passchendale, to take over the line. Three others were killed outright by the same shell, which landed right on the track, while four men were wounded.

Wexenhall was in D Co., I am not sure of his Platoon but I think it was IX.

Eye-Witness:- Yes.

Home Address.
H. Q.
Horseferry Road.
S.W.

Informant:- Pte. Dick Jack Raymond, 530
41st. Battn. C. Co., X plat.
A. I. F.
Hapsbury.

J. Earl Norman.
London.
25.9.18.
H.G.

B. Lagne.

41st Battn.
A.I.F.

WETTENHALL
L.C. 732

"Killed in Action 10-10-17"

NOTE TO BOULOGNE

The following "No Enquiry" report may refer to above.

The shell by which I was wounded on 10th Oct., going up to Passchendaele. killed putright the following members of C.Coy. 41st Battn.

Whitenall	Lewis Gnr.	Thompson J.W. 2661
Dale T.	"	Dryley Robt.

Informant. Patch. D.A. 2632
41st Battn. C.Coy.,
Hut 26,
WESTHAM.

W.A.Rand
London
18-10-18

Boul.

41st Battn.
A.I.F.

WETTENHALL.
L.C. 732.

"Killed in Action 10-10-17"

He was killed during 2nd attack at Passchendaele and was officially reported to Battalion as buried on the field by men who were clearing up the Battle field.

Informant:- Major.A.A.Mills.
41st Battn. Chaplain.
RED CROSS.

A.D.G.
London.
22-1-19.
J.E.A.

Boul.

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1st Septr 1918.

Wittenhall L.C. 732.

K. 10th Octr 1917. Det D/B.

I knew him well. He came over with me with the original battn sailing from Sydney in May 1916. He was about 23, thickset, build. About the 10th Octr we were at Passchendaele going into the line. It was just after dark when a shell burst right on the middle of the platoon. Wittenhall was killed right out. I was there and saw it but as we had to go on. I don't know about burial.

Inf:- Pte J.A. Hughes No. 668.
A.I.F. 41. C. XII.
Australian Conv. Depot.
Rouelles.

Bowl

CWSG.

PP.

A.I.F. 41

WETTENHALL, L.C. 732.

K. Oct. 10/17 Det. D/B.

Wettenhall was a man of medium height, dark and quiet. On Oct. 10 I saw Wettenhall killed by a shell as we were going into the line at Passchendaele, and know he was taken back for burial.

Reference: Pte. McGregor, 1873. C Co.
Confirmed by:
Sgt. Scanlan, 746. C Co.

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

JWA

Bond.

To
Sergt Pearce A. G.
C. Co
41 Battn
A. I. F.

About
732 Pt L. C Wettenhall
41 Battn
A. I. F

K Oct 10/17

Written 6.9.18
MSS