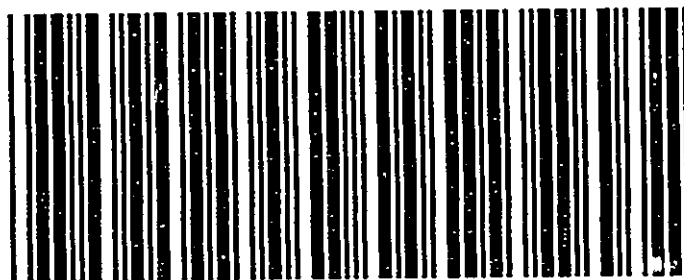


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3496 Trooper
Aubrey James
Wetherall

7th Light Horse



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WETHERELL
Aubrey James 3496

"KILLED IN ACTION 15/7/18"

Buried 15/7/18 by Capt. F.A.H. Spencer - Site X 24 d.s. 4 Dannien (C.6)
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Killed in action:- 15.7.18.

Buried:- 15.7.18.

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Chaplain:- Captain Spencer. F.A.M.

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WETHERALL, A.J. Trooper
No. 3496

"Killed 15/7/18"

Informant described Wetherall as about 5ft 9" high, slight build, rather, dark complexion, aged about 23/24. Had a brother in the same Regiment. Informant states that they both belonged to "B" Troop - "C" Squadron. On 15/7/18 the Battalion was at Wady Auja Jordan Valley in action. They were engaged attacking about 80 Turkish snipers. About noon he was hit by one of the snipers as he (Wetherall) was running across a flat. Informant did not see him hit, but was told that he lived for about two hours. Informant, however, saw him and helped to bury him just behind our lines. He and Sgt. Hill, who had also been killed, were buried side by side in the same grave - the Burial Service being read by Padre Spencer. Informant added that Wetherall had only joined the Regiment about a fortnight before.

Informant;- Corporal A. Allen, No. 563, 7th Light Horse.
Home address;- Fairview, Coolamon, N.S.Wales.

The undernoted confirmed the above particulars as to personal description and scene of the action. He further stated, however, that he and Wetherall were member of a party of 20 told off to attack a post called "Shark's Tooth", and it was during that attack that

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WETHERALL, A.J. Tpr.
No. 3496

Wetherall and Sergeant Hill were killed but he saw neither of them hit. He however, helped to bury them and also helped to put a cross on the grave and place wire round it.

Informant;- Sergeant C.J. McCarthy, No. 485
7th Light Horse.

Home address;- 37 Hornsey Rd., Rozelle, Sydney.

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Anzac Information Bureau, Sydney.

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Killed In Action. 15/7/18.

Informant described Wetherall as about 5 feet 10 inches high, medium build, dark complexion, aged about from 28 to 30.

Informant states that on the 15/7/18, the Regiment was in action at Melallah in the Jordan Valley about 2 miles from the River. Wetherall was one of a raiding party that was making a demonstration on an enemy outpost, when he was hit, so far as Informant was aware, by a bullet. Informant did not see this happen, but saw his body at Head-quarters, to which it had been brought, about four hours after he was killed. He was being carried on a stretcher, and the boys told Informant that the body was that of Wetherall.

Informant - Corporal R. W. Kilgour, No. 216,
Transports, 7th Light Horse.

Home Address - Railway Station,
Little River, Victoria.

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WETHERALL, Trooper,
A.J. - No. 3496.

"KILLED 15/7/18."

Informant described Wetherall as about 5ft. 9 high, medium build, inclined to fair complexion, aged about 28. He and his brother, who was also a soldier, were thought to have a farm.

Informant states that they both belonged to "B" Troop, "C" Squad. On 15/7/18 the Regiment was in Jordan Valley. A party of 30 of the Troop including both Wetherall and Informant were detailed to drive out a mob of German Snipers who were fighting for the Turks. Two days previously the Germans had broken through the 1st Brigade lines. While Wetherall was running across a clear patch of ground he was hit by a bullet so far as Informant could remember. Informant, who was a Stretcher Bearer, did not see Wetherall hit but saw him lying on the ground unconscious. Informant put some bushes over him to shelter him from the sun. He died on the spot and his body was taken to our own lines and buried in the same grave as Sergeant Hill who was also killed that day. Informant was present at the burial and the burial service was read by the 7th Light Horse Padre (Church of England).

According to Informant Wetherall was in good favour with his mates.

INFORMANT - Trooper S.A.P. Doust - No. 457,
B Troop, C Squad, 7th Light Horse. ✓

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A.J. - No. 3496.

"KILLED 15/7/18."

HOME ADDRESS - 33 Warren Road,
MARRICKVILLE.

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27/11/18.

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"Killed In Action, 15/7/18."

Informant described Wetherall as about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, rather slight in build, medium complexion, aged about 24 or 25. He came from Barraba District.

Informant states that they both belonged to "C" squadron. On the 15/7/18, the Regiment was in action at Wady Mellullah, Jordan Valley - Palestine. The Regiment was advancing at about 11a.m. towards the Turks when Wetherall was hit by a rifle bullet and badly wounded. Informant was not in the stunt, and consequently did not see Wetherall hit, but was told that he lived for about two hours after being hit. Informant saw Wetherall while his grave was being dug, and recognised him. Informant also saw him buried about 300 or 400 yards from where he was killed. He was buried with Sergeant Hill who was killed at the same time. The burial service was read by Padre Spencer. The grave was fenced and kerbed, and a cross put on it.

Informant - Sergeant-Major G. F. Bolton, No. 523.

"C" squad, 7th Light Horse.

Home Address - Young, New South Wales.

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"Killed in Action 15/7/18."

He was in C squad I think but I know he was in the 7th Light Horse and he had a brother in the same Regiment. I was in Hospital - 14th Australian General Hospital at Port Said in July last and met the brother "Jack" Wetherall. Jack Wetherall mentioned his brother's death but I heard from Private Cobcroft that this Wetherall (Jack's brother) had been killed in a German attack at Mes-el-arba in the Jordan Valley in July last. I heard he was killed instantly, shot through the head. A Sergeant whose name I cannot recall, was killed at the same time. He was killed by a machine gun bullet. He was buried in the Jordan valley.

Informant - Trooper J. R. Brindle No. 657,

7th Light Horse, B Squad.

Home Address - Derran,

New South Wales.

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"Killed in Action, 15/7/18."

Informant described Wetherall as about 5 feet 8 inches high, medium in build, aged between 20 and 30. He had only joined up the Regiment a few days before. He had a brother in the Regiment.

Informant states that Wetherall belonged to "C" squadron. On the 15/7/18, the Regiment was at Melallah Trenches in the Jordan Valley at a spot known as Shark's Tooth. They were attacking a place held by the Germans who were fighting with the Turks, but the place was too strongly held, and the attacking party had to come back. During the fight, Wetherall was killed, Informant believes instantly, by a bullet. Informant did not see him hit, but saw him just before dusk as his body was being brought back. Informant did not see his face, but was told that it was Wetherall. He was buried in a little graveyard just at the back of the trench at Melallah, but informant was not present at the burial.

Informant - Corporal W. A. G. Smith, No. 156,

"A" squad, 7th Light Horse.

Home Address - Muswellbrook, New South Wales..

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"Killed in Action, 15/7/18."

He was in C squad with me, but was in B Troop; he was a late Reinforcement, and had a brother in the same Regiment. He was of medium height and build. He was wounded about the Middle of July last at Veb-el-Arba, I bandaged him up and handed him over to the Doctor in the ambulance. He died about an hour after he was hit, I was with him all the time and also a Stretcher-Bearer called Bradtke who came over in the same Reinforcement as Wetherall. He did not appear to suffer. He was buried between "Tick" and "Tale" posts near Mes-el-Arba about 8 Kilos from Jericho, and a cross was erected and a wire fence put round his grave. Bradtke is now with the 2nd Machine Gun Squadron.

Informant - Sergeant W. F. Turner, H.M. No. 586,
7th Light Horse, C squad.

Home Address - Mooreland Station,
Walgett.

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Rawson Chambers,

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7th Light Horse, A.I.F.

WETHERALL, A.J. Troop. No. 3496.

"Killed in Action, 15/7/18."

He was killed at Mullaah in the Jordan Valley in July last. His brother was in the same Regiment but was at Moasca at the time. Lieut. Wikner took a photo of the grave and said he would send it to Wetherall's mother. Wetherall was buried beside Sergeant Hill and a beautiful cross was erected. Lieutenant Wikner is still with the Regiment.

Informant - Corporal H. G. Preshaw, No. 227,
7th Light Horse, A squad.

H.S.O.

Rawson Chambers.
28/12/18.

Home Address - 9 Kelburn Hall,
Elizabeth Bay, Sydney.

I can confirm the above and that his brother has since returned to the Regiment, and has seen the grave.

Sergeant S. O. Walker, No. 108,
7th Light Horse, A Troop, A squad.

Home Address - Dorrigo,
New South Wales.

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7th Light Horse.

WETHERALL, A.J.
Trooper 3496.

"KILLED 15/7/18"

Informant states that Wetherall was killed by a rifle fire in July 1918 while on patrol. Informant did not see him killed but helped to bury him. He is buried west of the Jordan. There is a cross on his grave and a fence round it. He was killed in his first action. Wetherall was dark, clean shaven, medium build, came from New England District. *Squadron Quarter Master Sergeant*

Informant: Sergeant Company Major S. McDonald 375.
7th Light Horse.

Home address:
34 Thompson Street,
DARLINGHURST.

This is a correct statement as to Trooper Wetherall's death.

J. a.
Lance-Corporal Jones 231.

Home address:
Mount View,
BINGARA.

S.E.W.

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7th LIGHT HORSE.

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WEATHERALL, Trooper,
A.I.F. 3496

"Killed 15/7/18"

Weatherall was in our Squadron. I met him in the Jordan Valley. He was about 5ft 7" in height, fair, clean-shaved. I heard from several that he was killed by a bullet at Wadi - Mellaha in July 1918. I did not actually see him hit, but I saw him buried in the Jordan Valley. I saw his grave with a cross over it - his name was on the cross. Weatherall was a very good boy - everyone liked him.

Informant;- No. 459, Sergeant-Major P.C. HORNE,
7th Light Horse.

Private address;- 517 Elizabeth Street,
SYDNEY.

P.B.E.

Rawson Chambers,

Pitt St.,

SYDNEY.

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7th L.H. Regt.

WETHERELL
A.J. 3496

Informant says:- "Wetherell left the trenches at dawn on 15th July 1918 with a patrol and was shot by a sniper the bullet entering the neck and coming out through the left shoulder. He was buried at Mussellabah. His brother, David, who was in the same Regiment obtained full particulars of his death. "

Informant:- No. 3535 Tpr Dingle G.S. 7th L.H. Regt.

No. 14 A.G.H. Abbassia.
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