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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
1DRL/0428

7070 Private
Maurice Patrick Duffy
(J Wilshire)

1st Battalion



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A.I.F. 1. WILSHIRE, J. 7070.

M. Oct 2-5th 1917.

Jack Wilshire was in B.XIV. and his number was 7000 odd. I came over from Australia with him from Sydney on the "Benalla" on the 9th Nov 1916 and arrived at Davenport on the 9th Jan 1917. From there we went to Larkhill camp for training. He was inclined to be dark, clean shaven, about 5ft and about 25 or 26. I was told by Pte J.Ward of D.XIV, that he had seen Wilshire and Pte Webb both killed together by shell fire in the open during the fighting on the Ypres sector on or about the 5th Oct. It was early morning when this happened.

Inf: Pte F.P.Sloan. 7116. D. att XIV
Ho. 3 Can Gen Hosp.
BOULOGNE. 29.1.18.

AGL

Also Pte. Ward 19.2.18

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WILSHIRE, J. 7070. K.2-5/10/17.
Church F.E.C. 6483. K.4.10.17.
Ellison H.F. 6976 K.Oct.4/17.
Austin E.E. 2149 K.Oct.2-5/17.

Pte.Gibson D Co. 1st Pl. saw and told me that Wilshire, Ellison, Church and Austin were killed by one shell in the front line at Passchendaele. The bodies were not buried. They were all in the same section and Pl.

Reference: G.W.Conroy, 3278.D.
No.11 Con.Camp Buchy Nr.Rouen. 11.9.18.

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WILSHIRE
J. 7070

"MISSING 2/5-10-17"

Wilshire was killed from a bomb dropped by aeroplane at Half Way House, a kind of tunnel leading from Ypres to Passchendaele Ridge, during the day time. I knew him well.

Informant. Sticker. L/Cpl.W. 094 (reliable)
1st Battn. D.Coy.,
Bath War Hpl.,

J.E.George
28-8-18
London
20-9-18
H.G.

Off.M.

15.2.18

Pte J. WARD

D. Coy. XIV Pln

1st Batt.

A.I.F.

Abroad.

About

7070

Pte J. WILSHIRE

B. Coy. XIV Pln

1st Batt.

A.I.F.

M.2.5.10.17.

19.2.18.