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760 Private
Albert Arthur Wilson

1st Battalion



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1st Battn.
D Coy.

Wilson,
Pte. A.A.No. 760

W. 9/6/15:D.of W.2/5/16 or 15:

Died of wounds 2/5/16, France, in 1st Field Ambulance,

Grave No. 29, Sailly-sur-Lys Cemetery, 2¼ miles E.N.E. of Estairis, 5 miles S.W. of Armentieres.

Cert. by - A.I.F.Headquarters,130 Horseferry Rd., 19/7/16.

London,
19/7/16.

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WILSON
760. A. A.

1st Battalion.
Headquarters.

D of W. 9-5-16

Wilson was a young man about 20 to 25, dark. Known as "Darkey Wilson".

The 1st Battalion was billeted at Sailly France, and the billet was shelled one morning about the end of April, 1916.

Wilson was in the kitchen and was struck by a shell, and was taken away wounded to Casualty Clearing Stations at Estaires where he died that night.

He was buried somewhere in the neighbourhood.

Informant was with Wilson when he was hit and saw him carried away.

Ed S-H.

KNIGHT.
2864. A. Private
1st Battalion.
Headquarters Signallers.

C.H.R.McL.
26.10.16.

No.4.Australian General
Hospital

SYDNEY BUREAU.

A.I.F. 1st Batt. FRANCE.

WILSON A.A. 760. D/W 2.5.16.

Wilson was a batman on H'Q to one of the Staff Captains of the 3rd Brigade. He, Sgt.Strutton (cook) and two other men were killed in the kitchen part of our billet near V.C. Avenue close to Levantie early in May. I was in the billet when they were killed. Wilson was not killed outright, but died in hospital an hour or two ~~later~~ after the shell struck the billet. He was buried in Sailly in a cemetery near a Church. I was to have been at the funeral but could not go. I saw a cross that was prepared for the grave.

Reference: Pte. C. Buckley, 453, C Coy 1st Batt.
26 Gen.
Staples. 24.7.16.
SA.

A.I.F. 1st Batt. FRANCE.

WILSON A.A. 760. D/W 2.5.16.

"Darkey" Wilson was killed in a billet at a place called Rue de Bois, near Lovantie on May 2nd. I was in the billet when he was killed. He used to be in B Coy but when killed was on H.Q. as batman to Staff Captain Street of the 3rd Edge. He was a thin faced fellow with dark hair, about 23 years of age, a married man. He came from N.S.W. His body was buried near where he was killed, I heard. Co-Sgt-Major Weekes, B Coy 1st Batt., who, I think, is somewhere in hospital (here or England), could give further details if required.

Reference: Pte. O.E. Gannon, 1955, H'Q, 1st Batt.
26 Gen.
Etaples. 24.7.16.

SA.

A.I.F. 1 Batt. FRANCE.

WILSON A.A. 760. D/W 2.5.16. Bat. D.& B.

He was hit by a shell at the Battn H.Q. near V.C. Avenue at Sailly near Armentieres and was taken outside on a stretcher where another shell fell and he died from shell shock.
He was buried in the cemetery at Sailly.

Reference: Pte. W.J. Schofield, 2410,
25 Gen.
Etaples. 24.7.16.

WC.

French Casualty

1st A. I. F.

Wilson, Pte A.A. 760,
D. Company

(D. of W. Details D & B.)

Informant states that at the beginning of May in trenches near Sailley Wilson was having breakfast with other men in Battn. Headquarters when a shell hit the room, wounding one or two men also Wilson, he died very soon afterwards. Burial service was held and a few of the lads went. Informant cannot give actual burying place. It would be near Sailley, probably Bac-St. Maur.

Reference: Cpl C.A. Moore, 2613,
1st A. I. F.,
3rd London General Hospital,
Wandsworth.

Home address:
Horseferry Road

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Cancelled

London,
5th August 1916.
Jessie Perrin.

French Casualty.

1st Australians. Wilson, Albert A. 760.
D. Co.

(Died of wounds. Details of D. & B.)

Informant states that:- On May 2nd 1916, at Rue de Bois, Sailly-de-Lys, he assisted in burying Wilson, who died of wounds received by the explosion of a shell. A cross was made and placed over his grave. Father Lynch conducted a service at the grave side.

Reference:- James A. Connellan, 436, (C.C.M.S.)
1st Australians,
Fir Vale Hospital,
Sheffield.

Home address:-
84, Gt. Buckingham St.
Redfern,
Sydney, N.S.W.

10.8.16.
C. Douglas.

French Casualty

1st A. I. F. Wilson, A.A. 760,
D. Company

(D. of W. May 2nd 1916)

Informant states that a day or two after the above date Wilson was buried in the Military Cemetery at the village of Sailly on the Armentieres front and Informant has seen his grave which bears a cross with his name thereon. Informant was also close by the Head-quarters Billet when it was struck by a shell and saw Wilson carried out and afterwards saw his body waiting to be removed.

Reference: Pte Wm. James Schofield, 2410,
1st A.I.F., D. Coy, 16 Platoon,
West Dene Hospital,
St. Leonards-On-Sea.

Home address:
No address in England other than his Regt.

16th August, 1916.
W.D. Davis.

1st Battn.
A.I.F.

WILSON.
A.A.760

D. of W. May 2nd 1916

Wilson was hit on 2nd May by a shell that came into Battalion Headquarters; he died of wounds - left arm smashed Buried at Laventie about two miles from Sailly.

Reference.
Dalgety
Ward 34
Harefield Hospital 15/8/16

London
17/8/16
D.P.Dickson.

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1st Battn
A.I.F.

D. of W. May 2nd 1916.

WILSON
A.A. 760

Wilson was hit by high explosive shell, got all his left side blown up. Was taken to Dressing station at Fleurbaix he died next morning, and was buried just out side Dressing station in Cemetary at Sailles.

Reference;-
Sgt. Stratton
1st Battalion
Harefield Hospital 15/8/16

London
17/8/16
D.P.Dickson.

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French Casualty

1st A. I. F.

Wilson, A.A. 760,
D. Company

(D. of W. May 2nd 1916. Details D & B)

Informant states that on May 1st at Pettelon trenches near Sailly, Wilson was wounded the same timeas himself and died during the night at the Casualty Clearing Station and was buried from there, as Informant was badly wounded he does not know more, but thinks further information may be had from Pte R. Rice, 1st A.I.F. who was in the 3rd London about 6 weeks ago and is now on furlough. Wilson was with Informant at the H.Q. of the 1st A.I.F. he was also batman to the Adjutant Capt. Street.

Reference: Pte A. Knight, 2864,
1st A.I.F.,
3rd London Regt., Ward A.6,
Home address: Wandsworth, S.W.
82, Chandos Street,
22nd August 1916. North Sydney, Australia.
A.E. Long

S Cd

France.

1st Battn.
A.I.F.

Wilson,
A.A. 760

D. of W. 2/5/16.

Wilson was in Battalion Headquarters and killed by shell. He was buried near Dailly. There were twelve of us at the funeral, as he was a very popular man. We fixed his grave up after and got the Engineers to make a lovely wooden cross for him - a big one with a ring round it.

Ref.:- Bolton, 682, 1st Battalion, 43 Ward, Harefield.

D.P.Dickson,
25/8/16.

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1st Australian Imp. Force. Wilson, Pte. A.A., 760,

(D. of W. May 2/16 Details D. & B.)

Informant states that on "May 2nd, 1916 at H.Q. Weathercock House, Rue de Bois, Wilson was killed by shrapnel while drawing water from a pump. He had a military funeral, about 100 there. The 14th platoon formed the burial party; I was there and so was Acting Cpl. R.H. Hyde, 2727. He was buried at Sailley, near Hebuterne."

Address of R.H. Hyde: Cockthorp Road, Lidcombe, Sydney, N.S.W.

Reference: Cpl. Row, 873,
1st Bn. A.I. Force,
4th Northenn General Hospital, Lincoln.

Home Address:
34, Forster Street, Imbermay, Launceston, Tasmania.

September 12th, 1916.
G.M. Vaughan.

1st Australian Imperial Force

Wilson A.A., 760,
D. Company.

(D. of W. May 2/'16
Details D. & B.)

Informant states that on May 2nd 1916 at V.C. Avenue, nr. Sailly, Wilson was behind the lines as the Adjutant's batman, when he was wounded by a shell. He died in the Hospt., at Sailly and was buried in the cemetery between Sailly and Estaires. A cross with his name and the particulars on it was put on the grave by the Quarter-master of the Batt., -Lt. Wells, who might be able to give further information .

Reference: Q.M.S.Herrvel 88, V.L.,
1st Australian Imperial Force, A. Coy.,
Stoke War Hospt.,
Home address: Newcastle, Staffs.
90 Gordon St.,
Paddington,
Sydney, N.S.W.

Oct. 12th,
M. Dix.

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1st Australian Infantry

Wilson, Pte A.A. 760,
D. Company

(D/W May 2nd 1916. Details D & B)

Informant states that Pte Wilson was buried in a little cemetery near Armentieres.

Reference: Pte G.H. Phillips, 724,
1st Australian Infantry,
D. Coy,
King George Hospital,
Stamford Street, S.E.

5 cd

18th Oct. 1916.
M. Bairstow.