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3509 Private
Andrew Wilson

11th Battalion



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A.I.F.
11th Btn.
C.Coy.

WILSON
Pte. Andrew 3509

Killed in Action 21.4.17.

No trace Germany.
Cert. by Capt. Mills 10.10.19.

London.
21.10.19.

P.I.

A.I.F. 11th Btn C.Coy.

WILSON
Pte Andrew 3509

"WHEREABOUTS"

Killed in Action 11-4-17
Cert. by A.I.F.Headquarters 8-6-17.

P.I.

London
23-6-17

A.I.F. 11th C Co. WILSON, A. 3502.

K. 11.4.17. Dat. D & B.

I knew Andrew Wilson well. He was inC Co. 12 Pl. and his No. was about 3500 and something. I did not know anything of him before joining up. I was told by Sgt.Boulter of C Co. now a prisoner of war, that he and Wilson were together when Wilson was accidentally killed and Boulter himself was wounded. This happened some time in May near Lagnicourt. I do not know if Wilson's body was ever buried.

Reference: Sgt.F.M.Harvey, 4045. C Co. 12 Pl.
No.7 Con.Camp.
Boulogne. 24.9.17.

AGL.

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Write Sgt. Boulter,
15-10-17

IIth Batt. A.I.F. WILSON A. 3509. "C" Coy., No 12 Platoon.

" K. April IIth., '17. Det. D^y & B ".

" I helped to bury Wilson in No Man's land near Vaux. Lieut. Beattie directed the burial. A temporary mark was placed over the grave. I knew Wilson well, and was in the same platoon. "

Description. Hgt 5ftIO. Fair complexion and hair. Well built. About 30 years of age.

Witness. Bestic W. 4059.
IIth Batt. "C" Coy.

Taken at No 4 Command Depot, Hodford. S.W.

S. Whitmee.
October 4th., '17.

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Victor L-Beattie
16-10-17

11th Batt,
C. Coy,
A.I.F.

Wilson
A. 3509.

"Killed 11.4.17"

I saw him killed at Lagnicourt. He was caught by a machine gun, and very badly riddled with bullets. Death was instantaneous. We held the ground but I do not know place of burial and cannot refer to anyone for particulars.
I knew him well, he left Australia with me.

Witness:- Hatton,
Cpl.G.H. 3362.
11th Batt, C. Coy, 11th Pltn
3rd A.A.Hosp,
Dartford,

W. Oman
4.10.17

London 17.10.17

P.I.

11th A.I.F.

Wilson Pte. A. 3509.
C Co: 12 Pl:

(K. April 11. 1917)

"On April 11th at Lagnicourt, Wilson was on out-post duty with rations about midnight when he was killed and brought in by his mates."

Eye-witness: Yes - after death.

Description: 5ft 6. fair curly hair - of stout build.

Informant: Sgt: J. Lane. 1174.
11th A.I.F. C Co:
3rd London General Hospital.
Wandsworth.

P.1

Home address: Millicient.
S.Australia.

24.10.17.
Maud Hammond.

11th Battn
A.I.F.

WILSON
A. 3509

"Missing 11.4.17"

Re Pte. A. Wilson 3509. This soldier was shot through the heart while in my Company. I reported the occurrencee to the Company officer and handed him his effects. Pte. Wilson was buried the same evening by Lieut. R. Beattie.

Cert. by Post Card from Sgt. W. Boulter 11th Battn
A.I.F. British Prisoner of War,
FRIEDRICHSFELD,
Germany. 9.12.17.

London.
14.1.18

P.I.

11th Battn.
A.I.F.

WILSON,
Andrew 3509

"Killed in Action 11.4.17."

3509 Pte.A.Wilson 11th Battn K.in A 11.4.17. Buried on the field S.E. of Pronville Somme. Grave unregistered. Height 5ft 8. Age about 30 years. Feir. Thickly built. Personal Effects given into Battn.

Informant:- Lieut.R.Beattie,
11th Battn,
Bad Colberg S-M.
5.2.18.

London.
11.3.18.

P.I.

P.C

Harris House.
Beaconsfield.
Bucks

Monday 4/6/14

To the
Australian Red Cross.

I am extremely sorry to trouble you, but not having heard from my two friends since March last, I thought perhaps you could kindly give me some information concerning them. Their names are as ~~follow~~ follows—

Pte. Andrew Wilson. No 3.509 X
11th Battalion. B. Bonfay.
France.

Pte. Jim. Jowett. No 4709. X
24th Battalion. 2nd A.D.B.B.
S. 14. France.

The latter (J. Jowett.) was

subject to be leaving for Arame on March 24th. Have people out in Australia have not heard from them for quite a long time. If you could kindly give me any news of them I should be greatly obliged. Thanking you for your trouble

I remain

Yours truly.

W. Locke

(Miss)

Pte. Andrew Wilson 3509
35393
11 Bath.

See under

Sgt. Bolter 1911 " "

30/10/17

16-10-17

Pte. BEATTIE.

11th Batt

A.I.F.

B.E.F.

who donated the burial

plot

350 ℊ

12 Pdrs

A. WILSON

C. Coy. 11 Batt A.I.F.

K 11-4-17

17.10.17.

A.I.B.

TELEPHONE, BEACONSFIELD 68.

HARRIAS FARM,
BEACONSFIELD,
BUCKS.

Sunday 3509 Pte Andrew Wilson 11/Bn

To the Secretary

I feel I must express my gratitude to you for the trouble you have taken in finding out particulars concerning my friend A. Wilson I shall be truly too grateful for any further news concerning him.. Thanking you again for the trouble you have already taken

I remain.

Yours Gratefully
W Locke.

June 26th. 1917.

Miss Lock,
Ha·ris House,
Beaconsfield,
BUCKS.

Dear Madam,

We regret very much to tell you in answer to your enquiry that :-

3509 Pte. Andrew Wilson, 11th. Battn., A.I.F.

is officially reported to have been killed in action 11.4.17. His name is on our searchers lists and we will send you all possible information we can secure.

With our sincere symapthy.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

Buck

Sgt.Boulter, 1911
C.Coy.11th Battn.A.I.F.,
Gefangenen Lager,
Friedrichsfeld.

Oct.19th, 1917.

Dear Sgt.Boulter,

We are making enquiries on behalf of one of our Australian Bureaux concerning -

3509 A.WILSON of your unit Killed 11.4.17.

We have been told that if we applied to you, you could give us some information about this soldier's death. If this is correct we shall be very grateful to you if you will kindly do so. Please do not write us a separate letter about the matter, but next time you send an acknowledgement card to Miss Chomley if you will kindly add the information on it, she will pass the card on to us.

We trust that you are well and receiving your parcels safely, and that they contain what you require.

Yours faithfully,

V.D

Secretary.

A.S.

October 31st, 1917.

Miss W.Lock,
Harris House,
Beaconsfield, Bucks.

Dear Madam,

In answer to your inquiry for
3509.
No 3509 Pte.Andrew Wilson,
11th Battalion,
A.I.F.

we regret to inform you of unofficial evidence given by men of the unit.

No 3362 Cpl.G.H.Hatton, 3rd Australain Auxiliary Hospital, Dartford, reported that he saw Pte.Wilson killed at Lagnicourt, by a machine gun bullet, his death being instantaneous. The ground was held but he knows nothing of his burial and can refer to no one for further particulars.

No 4059 Pte.W.Bestic, who was in No 4 Command Depot, Codford, reported that he helped to bury Pte.Wilson in No Man's Land at Vaux, and he saw a temporary cross erected over the grave. He describes him as 5ft 10½inches in height, with fair complexion and hair, and about 30 years of age.

We are continuing the inquiry and will advise you immediately

on receipt of further news.

Trusting that it will be some consolation to know that his death was instantaneous.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.

Miss F. Lock,
Harris House, Beaconsfield,
BUCKS.

February 8th, 1918.

Dear Madam,

We regret to inform you of further unofficial evidence about the death of

3509 Pte. ANDREW WILSON, 11th Battalion, A.I.F.

whose name has now been removed from our enquiry lists as we believe our information to be sufficiently detailed.

A postcard has been received from Sgt. W. Boulter, of the same unit interned in Germany to the effect that Pte. Wilson was shot through the heart on April 11th and he reported this to their Company Officer and handed him his personal effects. Lt. R. Beattie buried Pte. Wilson the same evening.

An unofficial report is also given by No 1174 Sgt. J. Lane, He stated that Pte. Wilson who was on duty with rations at an outpost at Lagnicourt on April 11th was killed about midnight his body being brought in by his mates. Sgt. Lane who saw his body after death describes him as 5'6" in height, with fair curly hair and stout in build.

Should we obtain further information of Pte. Wilson's death we shall immediately forward it to you, and trust that these reports have been of some assistance.

Yours faithfully,

L.B. for Lt.-H.

SECRETARY.

11th March 1918

Lt. A.Beattie
British Prisoner of War,
Gefangenenlager
Bad Colberg, S.M.
GERMANY.

Dear Sir,

We wish to thank you very much for the information you sent us through Miss Chomley concerning - 3509 Pte A. Wilson of your unit. We are very grateful to you for supplying the details we desired.

We feel we owe you an apology for writing to you at the Battalion in the old way; the Error occurred through one of our new helpers not knowing that you had been taken prisoner.

Trusting you are well and receiving your parcels safely,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.