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3870 Private
Albert Wilson

45th Battalion



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45th Battn.
A.I.F.,

Wilson
A. 3870

"Killed 15-8-1916"

Witness states was with him when he was killed instantaneously by a shell between Pozieres and Mouquet Farm. Witness and Dick Love (same battalion) buried him together. Had red hair, medium build, about 5ft. 10ins, a very decent quiet fellow. Was in Wilson's platoon (B.Company)

Reference;- J.P.Ozard, 3872
45th Battn. A.I.F.,
Harefield Hospt.
18-12-16.

London
1-1-17
L.P.J.

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Written Pte Love 19.1.17

45th A. I. F. A. WILSON, 3870.

Killed 15/~~16~~.8.16. Details D & B.

He belonged to A Co. At Pozieres I was close to him when he was killed by a shell. His body was recovered and buried close by, by our burial party.

Reference: Pte. J. Horsfield, 5361.

No.1 Australian, Rouen. 13.1.17.

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45th A. I. F.

Wilson, Pte A. 3870,
D. Company

(K. Aug. 15th/16. Det: D & B)

Informant says Wilson was blown to pieces at Pozieres on the night of Aug. 15th by the back kick of a shell. He was asleep at the time and knew nothing. Informant was on sentry duty and had just passed Wilson and noticed he was asleep. This happened in the second trench.

Eye-witness: Yes.

Description: Keen, alert "wiry chap", thin.

Informant: Pte J.P. Rose, 5451,
45th A.I.F., D. Coy,
3rd London General Hospital,
Wandsworth, S.W.

Home address:
Horseferry Road,
S.W.

29th January 1917.
M. Milne.

A.I.F. 45. WILSON A. 3870.

K. 15.8.16.

I saw his dead body in the communication trench leading from the supports to the front line at Pozieres on 15th.Aug. He was taking a message up when a shell caught him and killed him outright. I believe the body was placed over the parapet to await burial after the bombardment had ceased.

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Reference: Pte. G. Hemming. 3809. A.Co.
L.G. School.

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7.2.17.

45th A.I.F. Wilson, A 3870.

(K Aug. 15/16)

"Wilson was killed by a shell and he was taken out and buried I believe with others of our Battalion on the right side of the Chalkpit Nr. Pozieres. I saw him dug out. Serg. Cook of my Coy. and platoon had to do with it and I often heard him speak about it. Wilson and I knew each other as we were both runners."

Eye witness:- as above.

Description:-

Informant :- Pte. Leslie Pearce, 4872,
45th A.I.F., A Coy. 4Pl.
St. John's Hospital, Cheltenham.

Home Address:- Post Office, Sofala,
New South Wales.

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Feb. 7th
E. E. Holt Evans.

Havre 2nd March, 1917

45th AUSTRALIANS WILSON, A. 3870

K. 15.8.16. Det. D/B.

He was in B Co., 7th platoon. At Pozieres on about the 15th Aug. we were holding our line. I was in the next dugout to Wilson. A shell dropped on Wilson's dugout and blew him out of the dugout. It made a bad mess of him and killed him instantly. We buried him behind the trench. He was a pal of mine.

Informant: Pte A. Turner, 4900
45th Australians, B Co., 7th Pltn.,
H. S. Panama.

HPG

45th Battalion A.I.F.

WILSON. K.A.
3870 Pte

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Killed in Action 14/8/16.

I knew Wilson very well - he was a very popular chap. He was in my section - he joined us up at Serapeum. He was killed on the Somme when we were back in supports. It was about 7 or 8 at night and a shell came over and killed him instantly. I helped bury him.

Informant: Rawson, Pte. 4277
45th Battalion. B.Co. A.I.F.
No.4 Australian General Hospital,
RANDWICK.

-ed S.M.H.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

H.S.N.
25/8/17.

January 19.1917.---

Pte.Dick Love.
45th.Batln.A.I.F.
B.E. F.

3870.A.Wilson, 45th.Battalion.A.I.F.

reported Killed 15.8.16.,

A.Wilson,

W. D.
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