Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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1922 Lance Corporal Alan Brook Wilson

46th Battalion



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46th Battn.
A.I.F.

WILSON
Alan Brook 1922

"Killed in Action 1-10-17"

Known to be buried, but no place or details given.

Cert. by M.A.Searcher at Hqts. 29-4-18.

London
1-5-18

M.

46th Battn.
A.I.F.

Wilson.
A.B. 1922

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Re No.1922 L/Cpl.A.B.Wilson. The above N.C.O. was killed on the afternoon of 1.10.17. His body was taken to the rear and buried beside a few other graves but not in any recognised cemetery. As Major Devine is away I am unable to give the exact location of the grave. The Burials Officer 4th Aust.Div.may be able to supply the required information. When Major Devine was leaving he asked me to answer any inquiries for him as it would be no good forwarding them on as he was going to Australia.

Letter from:-
Cpl.E.Phillipson
46th Battn.

London.
8.2.18.

M.

Wilson Burials Officer
46th

Havre. 8th Jamary 1918.

46th A.I.F. Wilson A.B. No. 1922.

K. 1st October 1917. Det D/B.

I know A.B.Wilson of C.Co. XII Pltn (?) he came with the 2 to the 29th reinforcements from Victoria. I was in the front at Zonnebeke on the 1st October 1917, daylight, close to him when he was killed instantly by a shell. Major Devine Roman Catholic Padre of the 46th Battn will be able to give details of place of burial.

Inf:- -Pte R.W.Canny No.4457 B/B.
46th Battn C.Co. 1st Pltn.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

RDM.

M. written Maj: Devine 21.1.18

A.I.F. 46th Btn

WILSON
A.B. 1922 (H.Q.)

"W. Jan-Feb"

Trans - St. John's - Hastings 23-3-17
Cert. by letter from O.C. 13-4-17

The wound in leg is progressing well, the wound in arm being healed. General condition good.
Cert. by letter from O.C. 16-4-17.

M.

London
17-4-17

46th Battn.
C.Coy,
A.I.F.

WILSON,
A.B. 1922

"Killed 1.10.17."

I did not see the actual casualty, but I saw him soon after. He was caught by a nose cap from a shell, which went clean through him. He called for the S/Bearers, but he died before they could get to him. Casualty was at Ypres. I knew him very well, he came from Geelong, Victoria, andhad been wounded in the battle of Pozieres. Idid not see his grave, but I feel sure he was buried at Ypres. Refer to Chaplain Maj. Devine, 46th Battn, C.Coy, who is now in France. He buried him and can give full details .

Informant:- Pte. H. OKeefe, 4693,
46th Battn, C. Coy, 11th Pltn,
3.A.A.H.
Dartford.

W. Oman.
London.
9.2.18.

NOTE Maj. Devine ret'd to Australia

M.

Havre 20th March 1918.

46th A.I.F. Wilson A.B. No.1922.

K. 1st Octr 1917. Det D/B.

I knew Wilson for 5 months; he was a fairly big man, well built, dark, about 24, and from Victoria. On the 1st Octr the Battn was at Wytschaete and in reserves. Wilson was in a dugout, when it was hit by a shell, and he was killed right out. I was away from the Battn but my brother was in the next dugout. He saw the body of Wilson and helped to bury him. The body was taken to the cemetery at Wytschaete and buried there. A Battn cross marks the grave. My brother, Pte F.C.Jones [redacted]5, 46th Battn B.Coy. is still with the Battn and could give further information.

Inf:- Pte A.Jones No.3256.
46thA.I.F. A.Co. 4th Pltn.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

PM.

M. written Jones
27.3.18

A.I.F. 46. WILSON, A.B. 1922.

K. Oct. 1st 1917. Det. D/B.

L/Cpl. Brook Wilson was in C. Coy. VII. and his no. was about 1922. He came over from Australia with me on the Demosthenes on the 29th Dec. 1915. He was tall, very thin, clean shaven, and about 22. I saw his dead body being carried away by S/B. and he was afterwards buried behind our line. This occurred on the early morning on 1st ~~18th~~ Oct. at Zonnebeke.

Inf. L/Cpl. A.S. Bergmeier. 1843. C.XI.
I.C.C.
BOULOGNE. 3.4.18. AGL.

46th Battn,
A.I.F.

WILSON,
A.B. 1922

"Killed 1.10.17."

He was a Lewis gunner, and was killed instantly by a piece of shell whilst he was firing his gun; it hit him in the chest. It was in the trench in front of Passchendaele Ridge. The S/B's carried his body down to D/S, others told me afterwards that he was buried in cemetery close to D/S, which was 1½ miles behind the trench. I was right alongside him when he was killed. We were both in C.Coy, 11th Pltn. He was from Newtown, Geelong, Victoria, and was an Overseer on his father's station, and his father's name and address is D.Wilson, 115 Prospect Road, Newtown Geelong, Victoria. He was about 5ft10ins. 21 years old and dark.

Informant:- H.Addis, 4129,
46th Battn, C.Coy, ~~46th Battn~~,
No. 1 Comm. Depot.
Sutton Veny.

B.F.German.

H.

London.
1.5.18.

46th Btn.

WILSON, A. B.
L/Cpl. 1922

Killed in action 1/10/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5 ft. 10 ins. medium build, fair complexion, about 26 years of age, known as "Brooks". He left Egypt on June 22nd, 1916, on the "Kilfauns Castle" and he was an original man. Casualty was in the front line trench between Polygon Wood and Passchendaele Ridge. I was a stretcher bearer. A whiz bang exploded near Casualty mortally wounding him. I was 15 yds. from Casualty at the time the shell exploded and my mate that was on the stretcher with me dressed his wounds, but he died half an hour later. I went over to him twoxhours after his wound had been dressed, but he was quite dead. He was very severely wounded in the left shoulder just over the heart. I helped to carry him ~~Anzac~~ down that night to the Advanced Dressing Station and left him in the charge of Father Devine who was attending to all our dead. I was an eye-witness."

Private address:-
71 Holesworth St.
North Melbourne

Informant:- Pte. F. Johnson,
No. 2349, 46th Btn.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU—MELBOURNE

S.V.P.
28/6/18.

46th Btn.

WILSON, A. B.
L/Cpl. 1922.

K. in act. 1/10/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was about 5 ft. 9 ins. well built, fair, 23 years of age, known as "Brook". Casualty was in trench at Zonnebeke, Ypres, and was on a machine gun post when a shell landed a piece entering his back killing him instantly. I saw his body lying in the trench and I also saw him buried near Dressing Station at Anzac House."

Informant:- Pte. W.E.J. Kingwell,
No. 2702, 46th Btn.

Private address:-
Birregurra P.O.

S.V.P.
5/9/19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU—MELBOURNE

Wilson See Cards 1922
RB Allan Burke. D 34339 H6 Blu
Kn A-1-10-17. #3 29-5-18 Burial?
Name in burial book - No place of abode given
Sheffield
Red. S. 27.4.18

MAJOR DEVINE
R.C. Padre
46-A.I.F.
B.9.7.

about

A. B. WILSON
1922
46 A.I.F.

K 1.10.17.

Sir.
21.1.18

TELEPHONE: VICTORIA 8858.

Wounded and Missing Enquiry Bureau
AUSTRALIAN BRANCH
British Red Cross Society and Order of St. John.
54, VICTORIA STREET, S.W.

To The Officer Commanding
St. Johns Hosh
Hastings

14th April, 1919.

Dear Sir,

We have been requested by our Australian Bureau to obtain a bulletin and ascertain the nature of the sickness or

wounds of 1922 Pte Wilson (a. B.) 46th Batt A.I.F.,

who was admitted to your hospital 23-3-14

We should be most grateful for any particulars you can supply.

We regret having to trouble you in the matter, but are desirous of allaying the anxiety of the relatives so far distant in Australia.

Yours faithfully,

for The Secretary.

St JOHN HOSP. HASTINGS.

Wounded and Missing Bureau,
Australian Branch B.R.C.S.
54 Victoria St S.W.

1922 Pte Wilson
46 Batt.A.I.F.

Marginally noted man is suffering from G.S.W. Leg(R) and Arm(L)
The wound in Leg is progressing well, the wound in Arm being healed.
The general condition of the man is good.

16-4-17

M.O.i/c
St John Hospital,
Hastings.

Ack. PC 31-1-18 Amott.

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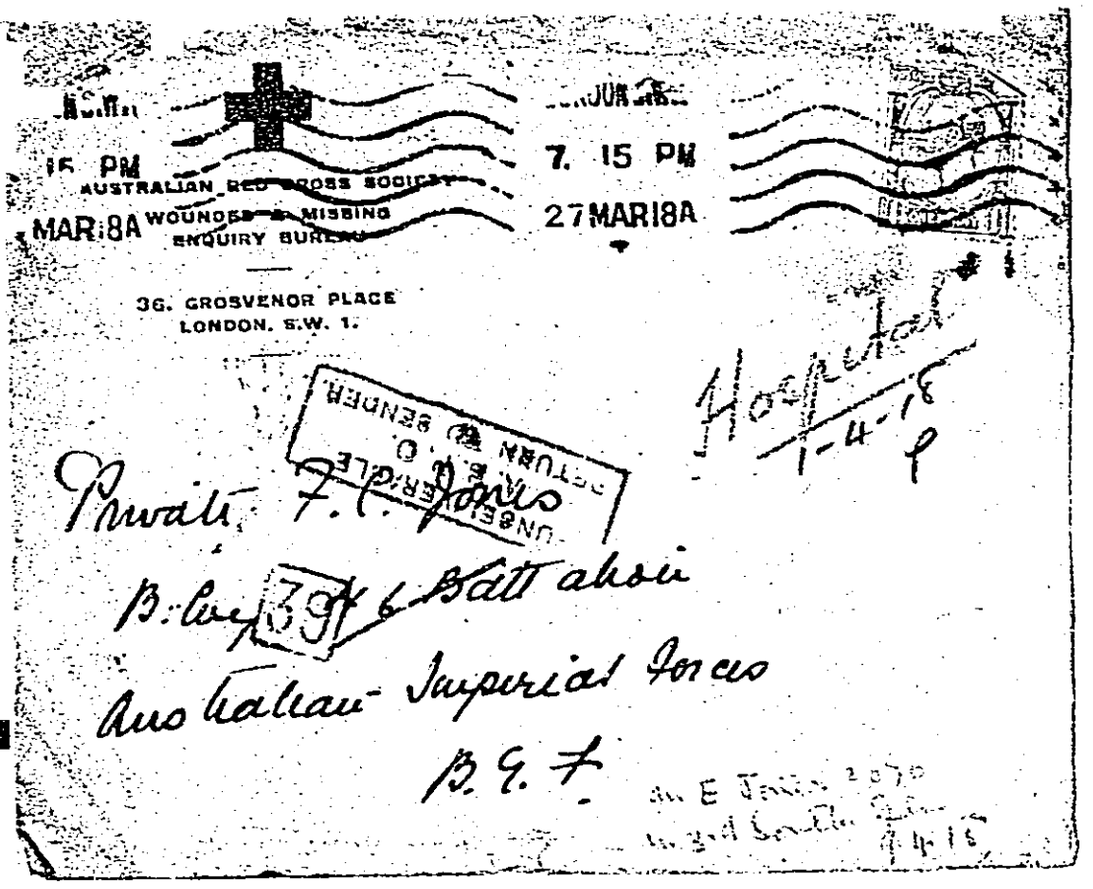
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46 Bn
R/A 1-10-17
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Yours
Cpl Phillipson
46 Battalion
A.I.F.

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Post Cpl. E.P.


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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY
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36, GROSVENOR PLACE
LONDON, S.W. 1.
UNDELIVERABLE
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Private F. C. Jones
B. Coy 39th Battalion
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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

36, GROSVENOR PLACE,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

27. 3.18

Pte F.C. Jones
B. Coy 46 A.I.F.
B.G.F.

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries about a man of your unit,

1922 A.B. Wilson 46 A.I.F. reported K/A 1.10.17.

and have been told that you may be able to help us by supplying some information.

We should be most grateful for any details you can send us concerning him, but our enquirers wish especially to know whether he was buried, if so, whether it was on the field, or in a soldiers' cemetery where the grave would be registered. We would also be glad if you could add a short description of his personal appearance or any points that might help to prove his identity.

In your reply kindly quote name, initials and number, as without these particulars delay and confusion might be caused in identifying the soldier about whom you have written.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera D Baker

Secretary.

Enc.