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6414 Private
Charles Wilson

24th Battalion



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A.I.F. 24th Bttn.

WILSON.
Charles. 8434.

Missing. 18.8.18.

No, trace in Germany.
Cert by Captain Mills. 10.10.19.

London.
16.10.19.

Off M.

24th Battn.
A.I.F.

WILSON
Pte.C. 6414

"MISSING 18-8-18"

Wilson belonged to my Coy. C. We were between Rainecourt and Herleville on 18-8-18, it was in the big advance. We were in outposts and we had to advance our posts about 200 yds. to straighten line. Posts 1 and 2 were those occupied by Wilson and the other missing men. They had to capture enemy posts, which they did, but enemy retook posts about 9-15 a.m. We saw some of our men being taken away by enemy, and some of them were carrying stretchers. We got the ground later, but found not a trace of Wilson, or any of the missing men. Ground was lost for a short time.

Eye-witness:- Yes.
Description:- Very dark, about 27, a M.Gnr. belohged to the original forces.

Informant. Shawe. L/Cpl.P.H.W. 6901(intelligent)
24th Battn. C.Coy. 11th Pltn.,
King George Hpl.

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Mrs.E.Slater
28-9-18
London
10-10-18
M.I.S.

Off.M.

A.I.F. 24th Battn.

WILSON
C.6414

"Missing 18/8/18."

Charlie Wilson was one of those I saw taken Prisoner by the enemy on the 18th August. I must have failed to see his name when I scanned the October List.

Informant:- Pte. Percy Maskell,1951.
24th Battn. (Beyond doubt.)
D. Coy,
2nd Platoon.
Halian Hospital.

J. Crawford.
London
23.11.18.
J.E.A.

Off.M.

24th Battn.
A.I.F.

WILSON.
C. 6414.

"Missing 18-8-18"

He was of C.Company. On 18th August in morning at Ellsville between Peronne and Albert, during our attack in order to straighten the line. Was hit by machine gun bullets in eye and I think elsewhere. Was conscious, all he said was that he was badly hit. We carried him to the Dressing Station behind enemy's line and left him there. We I think he was mortally wounded. Christian name Charlie. Ellsville is about 5 kilos from Mysery, which village we passed going back.

Informant:- Pte.J.Smith. 6887.
24th Battn. C.Coy. P/W.
HEADQUARTERS.

A.D.G.
London.
24-12-18.
J.E.A.

Off.M.

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24th Btn. WILSON, C.
Pte. No. 6414

Missing 18.8.16.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5' 9", well built, dark complexion about 28 years of age, known as "Charlie". Casualty was advancing at Villers Bretonneux. I was in the same advance. He was severely wounded with a mills bomb and was taken prisoner with myself. He was carried to the German Advanced Dressing Station, and I carried him there. He was most severely wounded in the face, head and arm. I did not see him again after leaving him there, and I do not think he could live."

Informant:- H.P. Willis
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T.C.F.
14.8.19.

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24th Btn.

WILSON, C.
6414.

D. of wounds. 28/8/18.

Regarding above Casualty marked as Missing, August, 18th, 1918. My brother, T.E.O'Connor of Wallacedale, via Hamilton, Victoria, was in the same advance and on the same Machine Gun with Wilson and also a particular friend of his, and carried right on until the 31st August, 1918, when he was wounded also and has since gone home. He may be able to supply some information, should you get into touch with him as to Wilson's ultimate fate.

Informant:- Pte. W. L. O'Connor,
No. 636 0, 24th Btn.

Private address:-
Wallacedale,
via Hamilton.

C.B.Sweeny.
H.M.A.T."Chemnitz"
5/9/19.