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2169 Private
Percy Walter Worthy

38th Battalion



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38 Killed 28 May 1917. C Worthy PN 2169

Pte Sherrit Paid he was killed by a grenade. Head badly smashed killed at once. I saw him killed on the 28th about 2 AM his body was never brought back from German lines. We left that sector soon after & knew here till we changed address & did not do it home. Both I lost his address + did not do it

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38th Battn.
A.I.F,

Worthy.
P.W. 2169

"Killed 28.5.17"

He was killed instantly alongside me by a shell in a night raid out of Ploegsteert Wood on May 28th or 29th at about 1.30.a.m. in the German lines. We tried to carry the body back but it was too heavy. Pte.W.H.Sullivan of C.Coy.X was on the raid and could confirm. The ground was captured by us a week after. He was a mate of mine. His name was Percy. He belonged to C.Coy. X Pltn.X and came from Natimuk, Victoria. He has a cousin L/Cpl.Edward Miller in France the 38th Battn. C.Coy. IX (a scout) now in France who has written home to his people.

Informant:- Pte.W.H.Atkins 2034
38th Battn. C.Coy. X
Dartford.

H.G.Campbell

London.
28.4.18.

M.

38th Btn.

WORTHY, P. W.
Pte. 2169

Killed in action 29/5/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5 ft. 9 ins. medium complexion, 25 years of age, known as "Percy". Casualty was on a machine gun at Messines Ridge. He was No. 2 on the gun. He was sitting near the gun when a shell exploded near killing him instantly. His chief wounds were about the head. I was 50 yds. away and went over and had a look at him but he was dead when I got there. He was buried at Ploegsteert Wood Cemetery. I was an eye-witness."

Informant:- E. J. Anson,
No. 3506.

Private address:-
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38th A.I.F.

8th January 1918.

Worthy P. W. No. 2169.

K. 28th May 1917. Det D/B.

I knew Private Percy Worthy of C.Co. XI Pltn, he came from Natimuk, Victoria, and was a farmer. I knew him there. I saw him killed instantly by a shell when on a bombing raid in Fritz line on the night of the 28th May 1917. I was alongside of him. We retired and left his body behind.

Inf:- Pte H.H.Atkins No.2034.
38th Battn C.Co. X Pltn.
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38th A.I.F. Worthy. Pte. P.W. 2169.

(K. May 28/17.)
Dets. D/B.

"I knew Pte. Worthy he was in my Coy. A big raiding party went out for information and bombing. I was in the left Sector he was in the right Sector. We'd got well into the German trenches. I was told later by Cpl. A.E.Dutton (since killed at Messines) in charge of the section that Worthy was killed instantly by a bomb. He was killed in the same raid as Marra. It was at Plugstreete Wood on May 28th."

Eyewitness: No. Told by: Cpl. A.E.Dutton (killed since at Messines)

Description: A fine big fellow, young chap.

Informant: Pte. John Pocock. 355
28th A.I.F. A Coy.
Hammersmith Military Otho. Hospital,
Shepherds Bush.

25/4/18.
A.Hoare-Ward.

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A.I.F. 38th. Battn.

WORTHY
P.W. 2169
Harra
H.E. 345
Rich
P.P. 1963

KILLED 28/5/17.

They were with me on a raid at Ploegsteert at 2 a.m. on May 28th and Harra was wounded in several places by a shell. I was wounded myself the same morning and was taken to the C.C.S. at Steenwerke where I saw him. He was unconscious and was then on the point of death and died a few minutes after. He was the only Harra in the battalion Name Harry. About 5ft 8 and 25. Dark and thickset. Was in A Company III platoon Rich was killed outright by a shell on the same raid. I dont think his body was found. The only Rich in Company. Name Frank. Thin, small, delicate looking. Came with 2nd reinforcements. Worthy was killed outright in the same raid. Lieut. McKay A Company III 38th Battn., A.I.F. told me he was blown to pieces. Worthy was a big dark well-built man belonging to A Company IV A fine fellow. Name Percy. He came from Horsham Victoria 3rd reinforcement Lieut. McKay (38th Battn A.I.F. A III) led the raid and could give further details of all three.

Informant:- 1784 Pte R.F.Anderson,
38th Battn., A.I.F., A II,
Richmond Military Hospital.

A. G. Campbell

London
6.5.18.

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A.I.F. 38. WORTHY, P.W. 2169.

K.May, 28/17. Det. D/B.

I knew Worthy, he came from Natinuk, Victoria with me in the 3rd Reinforcements. He was tall, stout, clean shaven man aged 22, single. We were together on May 28 at Ploegsteert. He went out on a raid and did not return. Many were killed on the same raid. It was about 3 a.m. One of those who did return told me that Worthy had been killed, his head being nearly blown off by a bomb thrown by a German. His body had ot be left as he had reached the 2nd line of German trenches at the time he was hit. I am sorry I do not remember the name of the man who told me, but there is no doubt that the account given is correct.

Reference: Pte. Whitfield, Felix T. 2194.
No.12 General, Rouen. 27.6.18.

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A.I.F. 38th Battn.

WORTHY
Pte P.W. 2109

"LIGHT 28/6/17"

Height 5ft, dark, stout, Age 24, Single, From Horsham, Victoria.
On May 20th 1917 at Ploegsteert near Messines. I saw Worthy's body and recognised him. It was lying in a communication trench. Had evidently been hit by a shell. He was hit on the head and death must have been instantaneous. We were unable to carry the body out, as we had several wounded men to attend to. That was the last I saw of Worthy.

Informant:- Pte A. T. Allen, 2060,
38th Battn.,
3rd Austr. Aux. Hpl.,
Dartford

E. E. Davison, Chaplain,
18/1/19
London
24/1/19
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