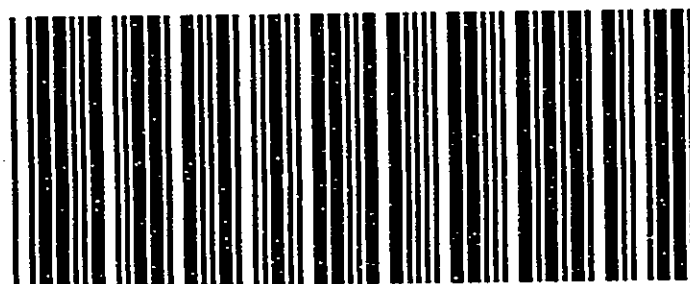


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Philip Numa Sisley

4th Battalion



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4th BATTALION A.I.F.

SISLEY P.R. Sergeant. 16.4.18

Killed 16.4.18

Informant states that on the 16.4.18 the Battalion was in action at Strazeele. They hopped over at 7.30 p.m. and gained their objectives. About 11 p.m. while they were consolidating, Informant saw a man and was informed that it was Sisley who had been shot through the head by a sniper and killed instantly. Sisley was absolutely unknown to Informant so that he could not furnish an accurate personal description of him but he appeared to be of medium height, and rather slight build.

INFORMANT :-

Sergeant R. Spendlove, No. 2681

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4th Battalion. A.I.F.

SISLEY. P. M.
Sergeant No.1012.

"Killed. 16. 4. 18".

Sisley came over after I did, and I met him in France. He was a married man from near Sydney, and was a Clerk. He was of medium build, 5' 10" in height, fair - clean shaved. He was originally a Private but when he went to England suffering from trench feet, he stayed at Horseferry Road, and while there was made an acting Sergeant, but dropped his stripes when he went to France again. He was alongside me on 16th April, 1918 at Merris, and was hit by a Sniper, I saw him hit. He was killed instantly.

Sisley was a very fine fellow.

Informant:- R. Hall, 6997.
4th Battalion

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4th Battalion. A.I.F.

SISLEY. P.M. Sgt. No.1012.

"Killed. 16/4/18."

Informant describes Sisley as of medium build, fair complexion, and about 30 years of age.

Whilst attacking a Machine Gun at Merrin, he, with others, was killed instantly, and I witnessed the occurrence.

He was well liked by his comrades.

Informant - Private A.L.Cohen, No.5072,
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George's Heights, Mosman.

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4th BATTALION.
A.I.F.

SISLEY, Sergeant
P.N. No. 1012.

"Killed 16/4/18".

Informant described Sisley as about 5ft.8-9" high, medium build, fresh complexion, aged about 28. Informant states that they both belonged to "G" Company, 11th Platoon.

On 16/4/18 the Battalion was in action at Strazeele. They hopped over about 7 p.m. and about 15 minutes later when they had gone about $\frac{1}{2}$ of the way to the objective Sisley was badly hit by a bullet. Informant was about 20 or 30 yards away and was wounded at the same time and soon afterwards saw Sisley. Informant was taken away first and never saw Sisley again, but heard that he died of his wounds.

According to Informant Sisley was well thought of by his mates.

Informant;- No. 6474, Lance-Corporal T.C. Cullen,
"C" Company - 4th Battalion?

Private address:- LKETON, N.S.W.
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Anzac Buffet,
Sydney. 14/7/19.

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J.E.A.

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37th. Btn.

SISLEY. P.H. Cpl.

IOI2.

Killed in Action April 16th 1918.

I saw Casualty killed on the night of 16th. ~~22~~ April . It was about mid-night during the stunt. He was hit by a bullet and died instantly. We were on the Proyart Rd., near Proyart when Sisley was killed. His body was left on the side of the Road as we advanced. I can give no news of burial. He came from Wangaratta, Victoria. Sisley was a tall clean shaven man, inclined to be gray. I would say about 39 years of age.

Informant:- L/Cpl. Pevis, 37th. Btn.
Private address:)

11 Dalgarny Street,
Rth. Williamstown.
Melbourne.

H.J. Weir,
H.M.A.T. Raranga.
27.10.19.