Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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6843 Private
Herbert Wilson

1st Battalion



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1st Battn.
A.I.F.

WILSON
Herbert 6843

Killed in Action 4-10-17, previously reported Missing.
H.Qts. 8-4-18 I.B. 454

London
11-4-18

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1. Australian .I.F. Wilson. H. 6843.

M. Oct.4.17.

"I was with Pte.Herbert Wilson (1.C.IX.I.G.S.) when he was wounded on Oct.4th. in the support lines at Ypres, while carrying up ammunition at 6.30 a.m. word was given to advance. There were six of us together. Pte.Wilson was lying down taking cover in a shell hole. Cpl.Joe Hicks (1.C.1X.) was on his right and I was on his left, when a shell burst beside him and he was wounded in the chest, he put his arms across his chest. I was also wounded and could not getbup close to him. The others went on and left us. I do not know what happened to him afterwards. I tried to get back, but after going 30 yds I was wounded again. I think he must have died. We were both in 9 Section he was No.2 on the gun and I was No.3."

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Eyewitness: Yes.

Description: Single, out since the War started, fair clean shaven I can give no particulars as to home etc.

Informant: Pte.G.Timmons.7327. C Coy.1X Pltn.
1. Australian I.F.
3rd.Southern General Hospital,
The Base, Oxford.

Walter Cpl. Hicks 14.12.17

Home address:
Lowlands,
Moree,
N.S.Wales.

Dec.3.1917.
H.H. Pickard-Cambridge.

Statement made by No.7327 Pte Timmins G. 1st Btn.

re No.6843 Pte Wilson E. 1st Btn
Missing 4.10.17

I saw No.7327 Private E. Wilson 1st Battalion wounded at Ypres on October 4th 1917. He appeared to be wounded in the chest and was unable to speak. He was alive when I left him. I have no further knowledge of the matter.

Dated at Oxford this 12th day of January 1918.

(Sgd) G.S. Timmins.
X His mark.
(This man is unable tp write owing to his injuries)

Statement made and signed before me

(Sgd) E.G. Bevers.
Major.
R.A.M.C.

1st A.I.F. Wilson H. 6843,

(M. 4.10.17.)

"Wilson is now in Sandhill Camp, Warminster in W.M. stores. I saw him about 2 months ago and he was all right then."

Eye witness:

Description:

Informant: Pte. I. Clark, 6233 D Coy., XIII Pltn.,
Hos: Bishop's Knoll, Cheltenham.

Home address: Merlwood, Narrow Mile, N.S.W.

Not sent on
Written Adg.
Sandhill Camp
11.4.18

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26.3.18.
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1st Battn.
A.I.F.

Wilson.
Pte. ~~A.G.H~~ ~~6374~~
6843

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It is advised that No.6374 Pte.Wilson A.G. 1st Battn. is employed in one one of the Quartermaster's Stores of this Brigade. This man has been questioned in regard to this matter and he states that he knows nothing whatever concerning No.6843 Pte.H.Wilson 1st Battn.

Letter from:- Capt.T.C.Fairley
Staff Capt.
Overseas Training Brde.
Longbridge Deverill.
17.4.18.

London.
19.4.18.

NOTE Not sent on. S.

1st Battn.

A.I.F.

WILSON
H. 6843

"Killed 4-10-17"

Harry Wilson was hit by a shell at Sec Bois, dying at a Rest Station 2 days later, being so badly knocked they were unable to move him, wounded in stomach and head. I saw him knocked and helped to bury him at Sec Bois Cemetery. Cross was erected.

Informant. Vickers. E.C. 756 M.M.
1st Battn. D.Coy.,
WESTHAM.

W.A.Rand
London
24-7-18

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1st Battn.
A.I.F.

WILSON.
H. 6843.

"Killed 4-10-17"

I was alongside him when he was entirely buried by a shell during our attack in front of Warneton at 3.p.m. on Oct 4th 1918. I helped to dig him out from about 10 ft of mud but he had been hit by a number of pieces of shell and must have been killed instantly. All the men who were killed, were buried by the battalion on the spot which was about 300 yards to the right of Warneton and just this side of our objective. Crosses were erected over all the graves.

He was a thick set darkish man of about 30, medium height, and just beginning to go grey. He was in D.Co. and I think the only Wilson in the Co. He used to drive a tram in Australia.(?XIII Pl)

Informant:- Pte.H.G.L.Buchanan.6956.A.I.F.
DARTFORD.

A.G.Campbell.
London.
24-7-18.

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Wilson 6843
Herbert Sh. Corres 1 Bn
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No other H. Wilson in 1st Bn nor
a No like 6843. About 20
Wilsons on unit roll –
3574 T/Cpl Wilson L.T. 4 T.M.B
O/S Tr 1598
is the only Wilson in strength
of O/S Tr Brigade.
Sick to Bulford which on leave
from 4-5 — 14-5-17 ~~[illegible]~~ in UK.
Per. Downs from Bulford 19-6-17
O/S Tr Bn from Per Downs 28-6-17
Offence Per Downs being without
marks of identification etc 22-6-17
5-7-17
21-8-17

Reported AWL in error 24-8-17
letter to Tidworth re
whereabouts from HQ advise BEF
BEF advised 25-1-18 C

Att for perm; duty & prom
T/Cpl with O/S to Brigade
7-11-17.
But has never been in 1st Bn.

AMWB. HQ 10-4-18

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14. 12. 17

Corporal Joe Hicks.

C Coy IX Sltn.

1st Battn A. I. F

B. E. F

abt 6843 Sgt H Wilson.

1st Battn A. I. F

M. 4-10-17.

18. 12. 17
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Gen. Comm

11th April, 1918.

The Adjutant,
Sandhill Camp,
WARMINSTER.

Dear Sir,

We have been asked by our Sydney Bureau to make enquiries about -

6843 H. WILSON, 1st Battalion, A.I.F.

who is now officially reported Killed in Action on 4-10-17.

This soldier is apparently being confused by our informants with some man of the same name who is said to have been working at the Q/M.Stores, Sandhill Camp, early this year.

We would be much obliged if you could tell us whether there has been anyone called Wilson attached to those stores this year, so that we may prevent this apparently inaccurate report from reaching the relatives of the Missing man.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.