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3570 Sergeant Herbert James Shepherd

56th Battalion



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A.I.F. 56 SHEPHERD, H.J. 3570.

K.May 14/18. Det D/B.

During the night a raiding party went out at Hangard Wood, near Villers Bretonneux, Shepherd being among the number. He was hit by a bullet in the head and six in the chest and killed instantly. I (Maher) saw him hit being close to him. I (Perrott) saw him after he was killed. He was buried in the Military cemetery at Aubigny and a cross marks the grave. Shepherd was Act. C.S.M. at the time. He was a short, nuggety, dark man, aged 23/25, had a small moustache, was of jovial disposition and in A Co 1 Pl.

References: C.Maher, 2713. A. 3.
C.Perrott, 3699 A.3.

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A.I.F. 56.A. SHEPHERD H.J. 3570.

K. 14.5.18.

I think this must refer to Sgt. Shepherd who was killed about 14th.May, while on patrol, between Villers Bretonneux and the Bois de Vare, shot by M.G, Several bullets got him in the head, killing him instantly. I did not see the casualty happen but I saw his body when brought in. He was buried in the little cemetery at Aubigny, about 4 miles from Corbie. I have not seen the grave but I saw his body at the cemetery just about to be buried. He was a short, stout, dark, solid build. He was in A.Co.

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Reference: Lt.L. Cosgrove. B.Co.
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56th Battn.
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SHEPHERD
Sgt.H.J. 3570

"Killed 14-5-18"

I was on patrol duty with Shepherd when he was killed. He was on ahead and was shot through the head. He died instantly. He was buried near Corbie. His grave was marked with a wood Cross.

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SHEPHERD.
H.I. 3570. Pte.

"Killed 14-5-18"

I saw Sergeant Shepherd hit by a bullet in the chest and head at Villers Bretonneux on May 14th 1918. He died in about half a minute, unconscious from the first. He was in command of the fighting patrol I was in, and leading about 5 yards at the time he was hit. The ground was held.

Eye-Witness:- Yes.
Description:- Short nuggetty chap, fair hair, we called him "Bert" His name was Herbert.

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SHEPHERD.
H.J. 3570

"Killed 14.5.18."

Shepherd was a Sgt., and in charge of a patrol at Villers, Brettoneux, and was killed while out with the patrol by machine gun bullet. I was in the line and was told by Geo. Walker, one of the patrol who was wounded (losing one arm) when he came in. I can't say if Sgt. was buried.

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SHEPHERD
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