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3929 Private
Osborne Wilson

15th Battalion



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15th Battn.
A.I.F.

WILSON.
J.B. 3929.

"Killed 4-7-18"

G.B.Wilson was killed by a shell instantaneously and buried at the Battalion Headquarters at Hamel. He was then in same Company and Platoon as I was. I saw his grave with the cross on it.

Eye-Witness:- Yes.

Description:- Small, very fair, about 5ft 5. slight build.

Informant:- Parker.J.6335.
15th A.I.F. B.VIII.
Horton War Hpl.
EPSOM.

E.A.Brindwood.
London.
12-9-18.
S.A.

B & P I.

Havre 12th Sept 1918.

Australians. 15. Wilson J.B. 3929.

K. 5th July 1918. Det D/B.

I passed his body on the morning of the 5th lying in a field at Hamel Wood. A burial party was out and would pick him up. He was a runner and was shewing a ration party where to go when he was killed by a shell. He was fair, slight, about 24/25.

Inf:- Pte H.E.V.Johnson No. 7796.
A.I.F. 15. B. VIII.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

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15th Battn.
A.I.F.

WILSON.
J.B. 3919.

"Killed in Action 4-7-18"

I was in Ration party with Wilson. It was about 4.a.m. on July 5th 1918 at Hamel. He was five yards in front of me and a shell came over and killed him and wounded me. I saw him fall. I told the Stretcher Bearers who carried me away that Wilson was killed. The ground was held

Eye-Witness:- Yes.

Description:- About 5ft 4. fair.

Home address:-
C/O Mrs Lorongee.
Ullmann Buildings.
Five Ways. Woolloongabba
Queensland

Informant:- Giles,Roy William, 4792.
15th Battn.A.I.F. B.Co.
(Quite intelligent)
3rd S.G.H.OXFORD.

Winifred Greville Gilbert.
London.
30-9-18.
J.E.A.

B.

CCR
8/10/18.

12. Windmill Rd.
Brentford.
Middx.
Oct 6th. 1918

To The Secretary.

On August 1st. I received a reply from you. regarding my application for a photograph of the grave of Private. J. B. Wilson 3929. 15th Battalion. A.T.F.

Can you tell me whether this has been able to be taken, or trace found of same?

Any further information on this matter. I should be very glad to receive.

Thanking you in anticipation

I remain.

Yours truly.

Gwendolen Davidge.

acknowledged.
1.8.17
p 29.7.15.

12 Windmill Rd.
Brentford.
London. W.

To British Red Cross Society.
Headquarter.
London.

Gentlemen. I wish to ask if it would be possible for you to obtain a Photograph of the grave of Private J. B. Wilson R/3929. Late of "B" Coy. 15th Batt. Australian Imperial Forces. He fell in the Advance made by the Americans & australians at 3.30 AM on July 5th at Villiers Bretonneaux.

I have been told he was buried and a cross has been put over the grave, the grave is about ½ mile from Hamel but I cannot tell you in which direction.

If I may have more than one I am quite willing to pay for them. I know his mother would like one, it would take a long while before she could have one taken under ordinary circumstances.

I shall be very grateful if you can do this for me.

I remain

Yours faithfully.

Gwendolen Davidge
(Miss)

A.I.F. 15th Btn (HQ)
late 26th Btn

WILSON
James Barrie 3929

"WOUNDED"

Adm. 4th A.D.R.S. 24-1-18 - Gastritis

Discharged to duty 4-2-18
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 27-4-18.

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London
29-4-18

August 1st, 1918.

Miss G. Davidge.
12 Windmill Road.
Brentford. W.

Dear Madam;

In reply to your letter regarding a photograph o the grave of -

3929 Pte. J.B. WILSON. 15th Battalion. A.I.F.

We regret to inform you that at present we are unable to apply for the same as it is situated in the Battle area, but we hope to be able to get a photograph of the grave ere long, and will forward it to you as soon as possible. If you have any further details of his death we would be very grateful if you would let us know as we have received a cable from our Brisbane Bureau asking for any details possible.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) E.A.W

Secretary.

October 9th, 1918.

Miss G.Davidge.
12, Windmill Road.
Brentford.

Dear Madam.

In reply to your letter of 6th inst., referring to a photograph of the grave of - 3929 Pte. J.B. WILSON. 15th. Battalion. A.I.F. We regret to inform you that there is no official record of his grave having been registered. We are however applying to the Graves Department, A.I.F. Headquarters for a photograph and if the grave should at any future time be registered you would receive a copy in due course. For any further information we advise you to apply to A.I.F. Headquarters. 130 Horseferry Road, London. S.W. 1.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.