

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**2860 Private
Arthur Harry Wrightson**

48th Battalion



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2860
Arthur H. Wrighton
4813 1/2th Lane 16 Ballin
Kno # 12-10-17 A3 Ward

30.7.18
29/7/18
2 3rd Gen Roll
29/7/18

Dear Mrs. Heaton,

With regard to
your inquiry on Reg. also 2860 Arthur H.
Wrighton is. As I am afraid I can
throw very little light on the matter,
this I can tell you. He went over
the top at Passchendaele the day he was
killed. I am sorry to say that because he
was not buried in a soldier's cemetery
& therefore his grave remained ~~unregistered~~
unregistered.

I did not see him killed.

The Wrighton I remember rightly
came over from W.A. with the 4th or 5th
reinforcements & was a man of
about 5 ft 8 or 9 ins in height, thick
dark with a heavy forehead and a

1932.

(Good description)

Unfortunately I don't know the
circumstances relative to his death
but should I am aware of anyone
who does I will let you know
immediately.

Yours faithfully,

W. H. Brown

Copy to Mr. B.

W.H.S.

48th Battn.
A.I.F.

WRIGHTSON.
A.H. 2860.
Brittain.W.W.7104.

"Killed 12-10-17"

Lieut Clark C.C. 48th A.I.F. who was at the time acting R.S.M. and was in France when I left on June 16th 1918, was with them when they were killed cutright with about 8 other men by a big H.E. shell, during the attack at Passchendaele, just outside Battn Hqs at about 10 a.m. on Oct 12th 1917.

Our O.C. Cpl Lean (now Brig. Gen) was wounded by the shell. Brittain was a big dark man, very broad and about 5ft 10ins, who had been recruiting Sgt in W. Australia and was a Pte and the only Brittain in Battn when killed. Wrightson was also a big well built dark man. The only Wrightson in the Battalion. They were both Sgt and Musketry instructors at Ccdford Camp.

Informant:- L/Cpl. W.H. Shaw. 1867.
48th Battn. A.I.F. D.XIII.
DARTFORD,

A.G. Campbell.
London.
22-7-18.
M.I.S.

P.

Written Lieut Clark. 24.7.18

48th Battn. late 16th Battn.
A.I.F.

WRIGHTSON.
Arthur H. 2860.

"Killed in Action 12.10.17."

Re Pte. Wrightson. I am afraid I can through very little light on the matter. This I can tell you, he went over the top at Passchendaele the day he was killed and owing to circumstances he was not buried in a soldiers' cemetery and therefore his grave remained unregistered.

I did not see him killed. Pte. Wrightson if I remember rightly came over from W.A. with the 7th or 8th reinf. and was a man of about 5ft. 8in. or 9 in. in height, thickset, dark with a heavy determined sort of face.

Unfortunately I don't know the circumstances relative to his death but should I run across anyone who did I will let you know immediately.

Letter from:-

London,
1.8.18.
M.I.S.

D.H. Clarke,
C.Co. 48th Battn.
A.3 Ward. 3rd Gen. Hospital,
France.

P.

48th Battalion. A.I.F.

WRIGHTSON. A. H.
2860.

K/A 12.10.17

If this is a musketry instructor at Codford in E. Company, he had not been in any stunt until October, 12th, 1917.

We had taken a position near Ypres in our attack on the 12th, and Witness was in a shell hole at the edge of which was a man who had been killed outright from shrapnel wounds. Lieutenant D. Grinlington was in the same shell hole and Witness thinks was killed before he was able to report the occurrence. Witness himself was wounded the same day and captured and removed the following day when the man was still lying at the edge of the shell hole. Witness was certain that the above report refers to the man described above and believes he was named Wrightson, although on this point he is not quite certain.

Witness:- 3176, Private W. Lyth,
48th Battalion.

Home Address:- C/- Y.M.C.A.,
Perth, West Australia.

F. de V. Lamb, Major.
'Euripides'
25. 3 1919.

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24.7.18

To DH 6C
Lieut. Clark
Coy 48 Battery
3 London G. H.
Wandsworth

About

2860

A. H. Wrightson

48 Battery

A. I. F.

Am A. 12.10.17

Written

24.7.18. M.Y.

A.I.F.
48th. Battalion.

WRIGHTON. 2860
Arthur Harry.

"Killed in Action 12.10.17".

No trace Germany.

Cert. by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.

NAME

NUM

COMPANY

CHIEF OF CHARGE

London.
24.10.19.

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