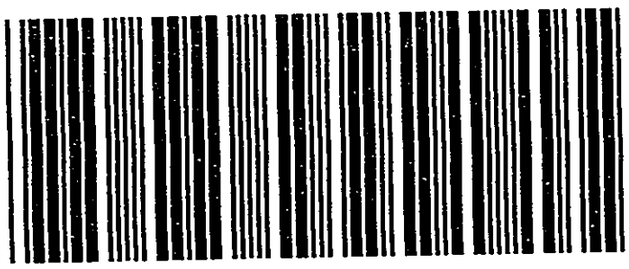
Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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1107 Private
James Henry Wyles

15th Battalion



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15th Battn.

WYLES

Pte. J.B. 1107

Killed 2/4/18

Buried Caurcelette British Cemetery, 5 miles N.E. of Albert, 2.63Ec.

Extracted from Capt. Spedding's List of 16/10/19

Melbourne

16/12/19

A.I.F. 15th Btn

WYLES
James 1107

"Died"

Died from natural causes 2-4-18
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 1-6-18

Was buried but no place of death or burial given
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 4-6-18.

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London
4-6-18

A.I.F. 15th Btn

WYLES
James 1107

"DIED"

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London
3-6-18

15th Battn.
A.I.F.

WYLES
J. 1107

"Died of Wounds 2-4-18"

He was in D.Coy. Refer to Pte.J.Woolfenden, Hqts. 15th Battn., for he saw him wounded, and can give details of burial.

Informant. Scott. Sgt.C. 3201
D.Coy. 15th Battn.,
3rd A.A.H.,
DARTFORD.

Note:-
Written Pte.Woolfenden 26-6-18

W.Oman
London
27-6-18
J.E.A.

H.

A. I. F. 15th Bn. WYLES, J. 1107.

D/W.2 April/18. Det.D/B.

I knew J.Wyles. He died at Rosnoe Farm about 8-10 kilometres back from Hebuterne. He was not wounded and from his No. I am pretty sure it is the same man. He died of "heart failure". He was buried at Rosnoe Farm and I heard men in the reserve there say it was a "good funeral" and that a cross had been put up to him on his grave. He was about 5'6", dark, and I think by trade a bootmaker. He came from Tasmania. Sergt.J. Lonegan, 15th Bn. would know more details as he was with him when it happened.

Reference: Pte.E.N.Thomas, 1847,

No.6 General, Rouen, 12.7.18.

HNT.

Written Lonegan - Enq 24.7.18.

15th A.I.F.

Wyles J. 1107 D Coy.

(D/W 2.4.18. Dets. D/B)

"I knew Wyles intimately, my duties bringing me into contact with him daily. I can vouch that the body was buried at a place called Rognal Farm. The grave is about 200 yards actually from the farm buildings, lying at the foot of the hill on the road to Cushie(?) I think his was the only grave in this part. I have seen it. It has a white fence round it and a wooden cross."

Eye witness: No, but I have seen the grave.

Description: Nickname "Monty".

Informant: C-Q-M-S Robt. Montgomery, A Coy., 15 A.I.F.
Race Course Hospital,
Cheltenham.

Home address: Don, Tasmania.

12.7.18.
H. Bagnall.

15th A. I. F. Wyles, Pte J. 1107,

(D/W's Apl 2nd/18. Dets D & B)

"I knew Pte J. Wyles very well, but I was not with him when he died as he was away from us with the boot-makers for a time. I heard that he had been killed, and found his grave (with a cross on it and his age (23 years)) so that I know for certain that he is buried. Unfortunately I cannot remember the name of the place now, but I could find it as I know the spot well."

Eye-witness: Yes of grave etc.

Description: Nothing out of the way, he was of medium height and had been fighting since 1915, a very nice lad.

Informant: Pte T. Barclay, 6710,
15th A.I.F.,
Kitchener's Hospital, C. Block,
Brighton.

Home address:
Bundamba,
Queensland, Australia.

20th July 1918.
Laura A. Baird.

15th Battn: Wyles, J. 1107.

D/W. 2/4/18.

"Henry" Wyles, was dark, about 5ft 7" in height, 21 years old and came from Little Melbourne St. Hobart, Tasmania. He was left out of the line for a medical board ~~and~~ while we were near Bailleul. While ~~making~~ walking up to the Transports he was taken suddenly ill and we carried him for the rest of the day. Next day when we called to see him we were told that he had died during the night. I saw his grave with a cross on it in a cemetery, but I do not remember where.

Pelham, W. Pte. 425.

15th Battn:

11 A. Dartford. 23/7/18.

R.D.B.

J.E.a.

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A.I.F. 15th Bn. WYLES J. 1107.

D/W April 2/18. Det. D/B.

Wyles was my particular pal and had been for some time. We were in the same L.G.Team and at Passchendaele we were buried together, and on that occasion he saved my life. He was the only man who had his arm free and he worked himself out and got me and another man out. About three weeks before the date given as the day of his death from wounds he got a job in the shoemaker's shop. It was an old job he had had a good while ago. I was not with the Bn. at the time, but I always understood he had died from natural causes and I heard it was from heart disease. He was buried at a spot near Rogenam farm house, just off the main road near Hebuterne. There was another grave close to it. He had a fine cross erected on it and rails round it. I have seen it myself. Wyles had had £10 sent to him by his mother or his people who live in Tasmania and though he signed a paper he never drew the money which is still at the Bank. The reason that he did not get it was that he never went on leave- he was expecting it every day. Wyles was about 5 ft.9, well built, a boot maker by trade. He told me he was 26 or thereabouts. He had a brother who was just joining up to take his place as he was entitled to go home under the 1914 scheme. He was one of the originals.

Reference: Pte.G.Williams, 1814. D Co. 16 Pl.
No.1 Australian, Rouen. 25.7.18. GPO.

Note. Williams had a note of Wyles' No. in his papers which he shewed me. GPO

15. A. I. F.

Wyles J. Pte. 1107

(D/D April 2/18 Dets. D & B)

" I knew Whyles in D Coy. I understood that he died of sickness taken suddenly. I saw his grave when I was coming out of the lines. He was buried at Rosengal Farm, Hebutinne, by the road side, a nice grave with a cross and enclosed by a fence round it"

Eye Witness - Yes

Description -

Informant:- Hogan P/J. Pte. 6037
15, A. I. F.
D. Coy.
E. Geo. Hospital,
Stamford St.

Home address:-

27. 7. 18
P.C. Parry.

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H-

15th Battn.
A.I.F.

WYLES
J. 1107

"Died of Wounds 2-4-18"

At Rosegal Farm, near Sailly, I saw his grave off the road on side of a hill. It was very nicely fixed up, turf all cut away and chalk put down, railing round, with Cross up. He was in my Pltn., and I knew him well.

Informant. Hogan. 6037
Ward 39,
HAREFIELD.

D.P.Dickson
London
30-7-18
H.G.

H.

15th Battn. A.I.F.

WYLES.
J. 1107.

"Died 2.4.18."

He was of D.Coy. att H.Q. In reserves near Hebuterne, he had had a spree the day before he was put to bed that night and wrapped up well, next morning found dead in bed. Was buried alongside road about 7 kilos from Hebuterne at foot of hill. I was in burial party. Iron rail round grave and cross erected.

Knew him as Wyles, know his number, came from Hobart, private effects landed in to Battn. H.Q. by Sgt. Corsey, 15th Battn. H.Q.

Inf:- Pte. H. Henry 1194,
15th Battn. D.Coy.
ANZAC BUFFET.

A.D.G.
London,
1.8.18.
M.I.S.

H.

15th Battn. A.I.F.

WYLES.
James 1107.

"Died natural causes 2.4.18."

Re Pte. Wyles. He died of illness at a place called Rosegnall Farm and is buried close by. On the rear of Hebsterne on the 5.4.17.

Letter from:-
Sgt. J. Lonergan.
D. Coy. 15th Battn.
A. I. F. France.

London,
12.8.18.

H.

15th Australian Imperial Force — Wyles J.Pte. 1107.D Coy.

(D/W 2. 4. 18.Dets D & B).

" I saw J Wyles' body, he died of sickness (not wounds) heart failure the Doctor thought on the 2nd April, 1918, whilst in bivouac near Rosenhill Farm,and was buried at Rosenhill Farm. "

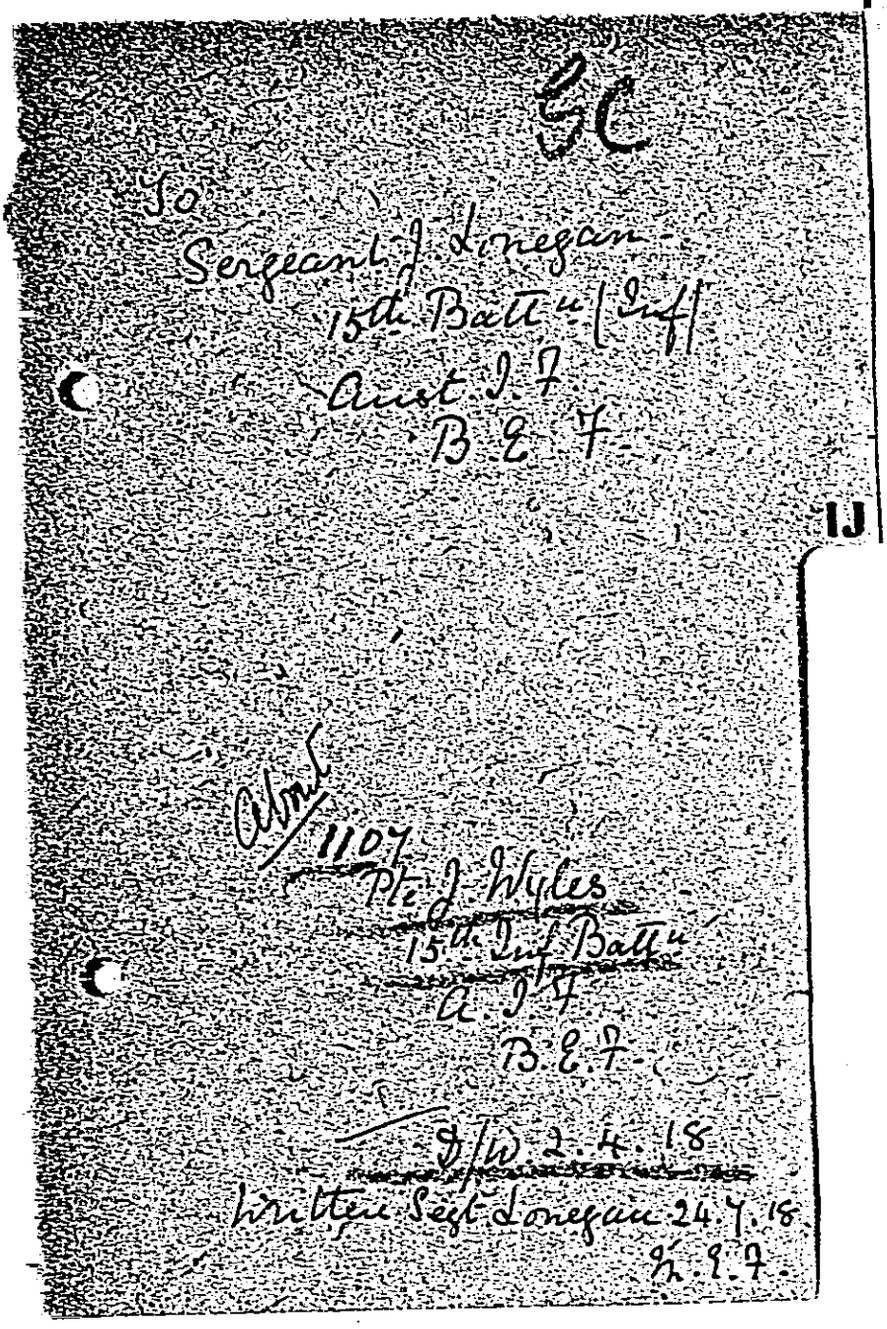
Eye Witness - Yes.

Description - About 5ft 5 ins. fairish,nuggetty build, about 22. Believe he was a bootmaker before he joined up.

Informant :- Cpl. L. Hillier, 1863, 15 Pl. D Coy. 15th Aus Imp Force, Norfolk War Hospital, Norwich.

Home address :-
C/O Mrs H.Rooks,
Melbourne Street,
Nr.Launceston,
Tasmania.

18.8.18.
E Reid.


Sergeant J Donegan
15th Batt" Inf
Aust I.F.
B.E.F.
Ptc J Wyles
15th Inf Batt"
A.I.F.
B.E.F.
9/W 2.4.18
Written Sgt Donegan 24.9.18

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1107 30th 7-18

James Wyles
15 Batt
Died natural causes 2-4-18

Dear Madam

26-6-18.

Pte. J. Woolfenden
HQRs 1st Battn.
Abroad A.1.7.

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Advt.
1107
Pte. J. Wyles
10 Coy.
1st Battn. A.1.7.
D/W 2.4.18.

27.6.18.
A.1.B.