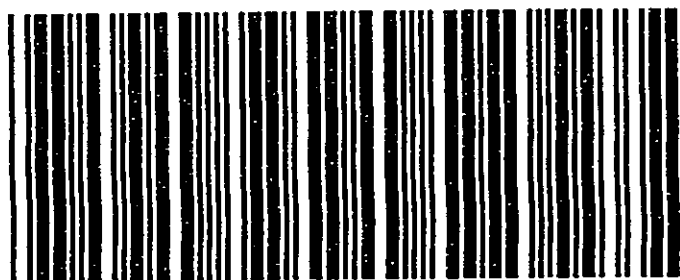


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**3477 Private
Henry Edward Sutcliffe**

1st Battalion



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1st Battn. A.I.F.

SUTcliffe

Pte. H.E. 3477

Killed 24/5/18

Buried Meteren Military Cemetery, 10½ miles S.W. of Ypres,
111.25E., SSP. 3751/24

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

Melbourne

18/12/19

1st Battn.
A.I.F.

SUTCLIFFE
H.E. 3477

"Killed 24-5-18"

Sutcliffe is buried just beside the 1st Battn. Aid Post at Mooleracker, between Strazeele and Meteren, nearer latter place, and Cross erected. I was present at his burial, but did not see casualty, though I believe he was killed in the line there by M.G. bullet.

Informant. Clayton. J.L. 2542
1st Battn. Hqts.,
WESTHAM.

W.A.Rand
London
30-7-18
M.I.S.

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A.I.F. 1.

K. 24.5.18.

SUTCLIFFE H.E. 3477.

I remember 5 men who saw Sutcliffe killed: Cpl. R.D. Way, Pte. H. Walker, Pte. W.J. Buckley, Pte. Wood and Pte. Dawe. All except Way were in the same gun crew. Wood and Dawe are away wounded, and the other three men are with their Co. - C.XII Pl. They were to the left of Harris holding the line, a shell landed on the parapet and Sutcliffe was hit in the head and killed instantly. His body was taken back for burial, I think about 2 miles behind the line. Sutcliffe came over with the 11th. Rgt. left Sydney 5th. Oct. 1915. I crossed with him: it was in the Themistocles.

EMR.

Reference: Pte. J.A. Farnshaw. 3309.
L.G. School.

Etaples.
2.8.18.

*Walter Walker Buckley
Woods Lane 9.8.18*

Havre.

2nd. August. 1918.

1st. Australians.

Sutcliffe. H. E. 3477.

K. May. 24/1918. Dets. D/B.

I knew Sutcliffe of C. Company, 9th. or 10th. Platoon, I think he was Corporal of a L. G. over 30 years of age, tall, medium build, dark, clean-shaven. I was close to him when he was killed instantly by shell in our front line at Strazeele in May 1918. I afterwards saw his grave in the open at the back of our front line & we put a Cross on it. I could point out the spot; it is 700 yards from the Village.

Inf:- Private. E. E. Watson. 7809.
1st. Australians. C. 11.
Australian Camp.
Rouilles.

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Have

10th August 1918.

A.I.F. 1.

Sutcliffe H.E. 3477.

K. 24th May 1918. Det D/B.

I did not know him. About the 24th we were on the left of Morris in the Strassele - Metoren Road in front of Nordhalf. Sutcliffe was a M.G. and he and 4 others were in a post when a shell came and killed Sutcliffe and wounded the other four. I was near but did not see it, but was told of it. I saw his grave just behind the post where he was killed. Sergt McCowan, C/o Sergt's Mess, O.T.B. Warrington, can give full particulars as he was in charge of the post.

Inf:- Sergt. H. Tomlinson No.297.

A.I.F. 1. C. 5.

Australian Conv. Depot.

Rouelles.

CWSG.

Written Sergt McCowan
20.8.18 PP.

1st Battn. A.I.F.

SUTCLIFFE.
H.E. 3477.

"Killed 24.5.18."

He was of C.Coy. XII Pltn. In front of Merris about this date, Sutcliffe was in M/G crew, in front lines. About 9 o'clock at night was killed instantaneously by shell - 3 other men wounded. I was 10 yds. off at time. I saw him after shelling had ceased - hit all over, chiefly in head and arms. Was buried I think behind the lines, but not sure where. I never saw his grave, I went on patrol shortly after he was killed.

Christian name Harry - came from N.S.W. - private effects handed to officer in charge of pltn. for forwarding to his people.

Inf:-

A.D.G.
London,
12.8.18.
J.E.A.

I/Cpl. R.J. Crowe 6719,
1st Battn. C.Coy. XII Pltn.
ANZAC BUFFET.

S.

1st Battn.
A.I.F.

SUTCLIFFE
H.E. 3477

"Killed 24-5-18"

He was of C.Coy. 12th Pltn. Was No.3 on Lewis gun. At Meteren about this date at 10 o'clock in the night, he was killed outright by minnewerfer shell, same shell wounded Pte.F.Woods, No. 2, and Pte.F.Davies, No.1 on the Lewis gun. I was almost alongside him at the time, was badly knocked about. We put his remains out behind the parapets, and the Pioneers buried him that night. I have seen his grave just behind the front line. No mark erected at present, so far as I know. Position has been under shell fire ever since. Christian name, Harry.

Informant. Barber. Pte.H.A. 2817
1st Battn. C.Coy. 12th Pltn.,
ANZAC BUFFET.

A.D.G.
London
21-8-18

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Havre

23rd August 1918.

Australians 1.

Sutcliffe H.E. 3477.

K. 24th May 1918. Det D/B.

I knew him well. He was medium build, about 23, and was a M.Gunner. About the 24th May we were holding the front line in front of Merris. Fritz had put over a heavy barrage and after an interval he put over a second one at 2 a.m. Sutcliffe was in his post and a shell fell right on it, and he was killed right out. His body was carried back but I don't know where it was buried. I was in the next post and saw it all.

Inf:- Pte H.G. Hitchins No. 3606.
Australians 1. C. XII.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

CWSG.

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PP.

1st Battalion.
A.I.F.

SUTCLIFFE
H.E. 3477.

"Killed in Action 24-5-18"

Being a personal friend of 3477 Pte.H.E.Sutcliffe, and also his section Commander, I have been asked to answer your letter of enquiry addressed to 5780 Pte.H.Walker, on the above mentioned soldier. Pte Sutcliffe sailed from Australia on 5th Oct 1915 with the 11th reinforcements to 1st Battalion, and was about 5'6" in height - dark complexion - and evenly built - resided at Wyalong, New South Wales in civilian life. He was buried in a cemetery adjoining a Regimental Aid Post in the Strazeele sector being one of the first buried here and has a cross erected over his grave. The padre and myself wrote telling his people of his death.

Letter from:- 3532.D.Way.Cpl.
C.Ccy. 1st Battn.
A.I.F.
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London.
27-8-18
H.T.

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1st Battalion.
A.I.F.

SUTCLIFFE.
H.E. 3477.

"Killed in Action 24-5-18"

Re the above named soldier. Pte.H.Walker 5780² also received a letter from you. Cpl May is writing tonight giving you all the information he can.

Letter from:- 3250.Pte.W.J.Buckley.
C.Coy. 1st Battn.
A.I.F.

London.
26-8-18.
N.T.

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1st Battn.
A.I.F.

SUTCLIFFE
H.E. 3477

"Killed in Action 24-5-18"

Re 3477 Pte.H.E.Sutcliffe, 1st Battn. He was killed on the 24-5-18 in the front line trenches, and taken out to the Battn. F.A.I.F. to be buried, but it would not be in a soldiers' Cemetery, where it would be registered. Height about 5'6", age about 35, hair dark, of stout build.

Letter from:- McCowan. H.E.
No.15 Sgts' Mess,
O.T.B.,
Sandhill,
WIMBORNE.
2-9-18

London
5-9-18
N.T.

S.

A.I.F.
1st BATTALION.
C Company.

SUTCLIFFE, H.E., Pte.,
No. 3477.

"KILLED 24/5/18."

Informant described Sutcliffe as about 5ft. 6ins. high, slight build, dark complexion aged about 25. Came from Wyalong.

Informant states that they both belonged to C Company, No.12 Platoon. On 25/5/18 the Battalion was holding the line at Onderstone to the left of Merris. Between midnight and 1 a.m. both Informant and Sutcliffe were hit by the same shell while standing next to each other in a trench. Sutcliffe died immediately after being hit. Informant being wounded went away at once and cannot say where Sutcliffe was buried.

According to Informant Sutcliffe was well liked by his mates.

Informant - Private F.P. Wood, No. 5114,
C Company, 1st Battalion.
Home Address - 14 David Street, Forest Lodge.

W.E.G.
No.4 Australian General Hospital ,
RANDWICK.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

23/9/18.

Pt Wood

1 Bather
XIII Reg. C. Co

Address Wanted

we have. 3681. C. F. Wood. Reg. Bn France 2nd 1/18.
5256 E. Wood. " " " 24.6.18
6331 H. T. Wood. - adm. of G. Hosp
France. 8.6.18.

Alexander

3477 Pt H. E. Sutcliffe

1 Bather K. 24.5.18.

Repts Sent 2.10.18

1st Battn.,
A.I.F.

SUTCLIFFE,
H.E. 3477.

"Wounded".

Admitted to 5th Gen. Hosp. on 6-11-16 with gun shot wound of
finger.

Admitted to Harefield Park Hospital.

Discharged to Weymouth on 14-12-16.
Cert. by - Hospital Index.

S.

London,
16-12-16.

3477

H E Sutcliffe

12th Buffs Knif 245

No 15 with mess 2

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Sandhill

Barmister

Madam

With ref to your letter
of the 20 Aug enquiring
about No 3477 Pk H E Sutcliffe
1st Bn. I am pleased to be able
to supply you with all
particulars.

He was killed on the 21/5/18
in the front line trenches
and taken out to the 10th
F.A.P. to be buried but
it would not be in a
soldiers cemetery where it
would be registered

His Description is Height about 5'6"
Age about 35 Hair Dark & of
stout build I will always
be pleased to supply you with
information concerning any man

at any future date if
it is in my power to
do so

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H. E. M. Cowan

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To

Rt Dawe

XIII Platoon. C. Co.

1st Battery

A. I. F.

Capt

3477 Rt H. E. Sutcliffe

1st Battery

A. I. F.


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24.5.18.

Written 9.8.18

Post.

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Pt Wood.

XIV Platoon - C. Co.

1st Battery

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3477. Pt H. E. Sutcliffe

18th Battle

A. J. F.

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Pt H. Walker

XIII Platoon C. Co.

1st Battalion

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3477 Pt. H. E. Sutcliffe

1st Battalion

A. I. F.

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24.5.18.

Written 9.8.18

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HQ. 1st

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To.

Pt W. J. Buckley

XIII Platoon C. Co.

1st Battalion

A. I. F.

Amount

3477 H. E. Sutcliffe

1st Battalion

A. I. F.

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24.5.18

Written 9.8.18

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H.E. Sutcliffe Active Service
1st Bn

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France 20.8.18

To the Genl

Inquiry Bureau Genl X

Dear Madam

* Being a personal friend of 3477

Plc H.E. Sutcliffe, also his section commander

I have been asked to answer your letter of
inquiry addressed to 5780 Plc H. Walker on
the above mentioned soldier.

Plc Sutcliffe sailed from West on 5th Oct 1918
with the 1st Bn. His movements to 1st Bn were about

5'6" in height, dark complexion & curly hair.
He was turned in a combing adjoining a Regiment.

On that on the 11th Sept 1918 being one of the first
killed more than a week passed over his grave
the Father's name was being kept for people of
his death.

There are the details of his death as given
in column.

I am
Yours faithfully

H.J.

3477
C. G. & B. C.

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c/o Seryts Mess
O.T.B. Warmistoun

About

3477 H. E. Sutcliffe
18th Batten
a. J. F.

Th 24.5.18

Written 20.8.18

Mess

Recd PC 2788
HJ

3477
H. E. Sutcliffe
1 Battalion

Jan. 20th 8, 1918

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Dear Madam,

Your letter to hand dated 9.8.18.

inquiring information about 3477 to H. E. Sutcliffe
in Battalion. O. to Mr. Walker 5780. Also received
letter from you. Sergeant Hayes is writing tonight
giving you all the information he can.

Yours faithfully
Regt. 3250. O. to Mr. Walker
C. Esy. 1. Battalion

HJ