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**3954 Lance Corporal
Donald Sutherland**

6th Battalion



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6th Bn.
A.I.F.

SUTHERLAND
Donald. 3954.

"Killed in Action 30.10.17"

Nowtrace Germany

Cert. by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.

London
15.10.19.

H.

A.I.F. 59th Bttn.

SUTHERLAND.
Dallas. 3264.

STEWART
Killed in Action. 1916.

TSII HALLARTSU

Killed in Action. 20.8.16.

also buried at Rue du Bois Ref. 1/40000 Sheet No. 36 Square No 2.3.9.
Cart by A.I.F. Hdqrs List. 1.5.19.

Next of kin.

Mother,
Mrs Alexander Sutherland.
31, Alma Road.
St. Kilda.

London.
31.10.19.

H.

6th Btn.

SUTHERLAND. D.
Pte. 3954.

Killed in action 30/10/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5 ft. 8 ins. medium built, fair complexion, about 22 years of age, known as "Scotty". He was a 12th Rfots. man of the 6th Btn. and he embarked in the troop-ship "Ballarat". Casualty was on post duty at Zonnebeke in the front line trench. He was just about to have breakfast when an H.E. shell exploded near Casualty killing him instantly and Pte. Auckland. I was 5 yds. away from him at the time of his death. His chief wounds were about the head and arms. He was buried by another shell about 2 minutes later. I was an eye-witness."

Informant:- G. Wilson,
No. 4332, 6th Btn.

Private address:-
9 Goodser Street,
Rosella, N.S.W.

T.C.F.
31/5/18.

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N.W.

6th Battn.
A.I.F.

SUTHERLAND
D. 3954

"Killed 30-10-17"

Sutherland left Scotland with my brother and joined the army out there H.S.W. I had a letter from my people that all his papers had been sent by the War Office to my people who had forwarded them to his people living in the same town, Golspie, Sutherlandshire, Scotland. His people are Andrew Sutherland -Bay, Shaw Street, Golspie.

Informant:-
SUTHERLAND . Gnr.D. 30765
Trans. back to 6th Battn.,
original No. 1669
Hut 59,
WESTHAM.

Searchers note:-
Saw letter.

W.A.Rand
London
14-6-18

M.

6th Battn.
A.I.F.

D. SUTHERLAND.
3954.

"Killed 30-10-17"

Sutherland was killed by a shell while we were holding a post. We were not relieved till about 18 hours after. It was in the evening. I do not know where he was buried.

Eye-Witness:- Yes, within a few yards.

Description:- L/Cpl. Machine gun, Nickname Don. been with Battn. since Nov 1915. Came from Inverness originally.

Home address:-
Ballarat.
Victoria.

Informant:- R ichards. Richard William. 925. Pte.
(seemed to remember occurrence)
6th Battn. A.I.F. C.Co.
Napsbury War Hospital.
ST ALBANS.

G. Lenchars.
London.
23-9-18.
S.A.

M.

6th Battn.
A.I.F.

Final
SUTHERLAND.
D 5952. Cpl.

"Killed 30.10.18."

I know he was killed on 30th October 1918 at Zonnebeck sector near Defy, crossing under shell fire when going with Canadians over the top. They were holding the flank. The whole post was blown up. The ground was held. K. Smith - P. 2012

Eye-Witness:- No.
Description:- Scottie.

Home address.
Australia.

Informant:- ^{Lt.} Lt. A Aubrey,
6th Battn. C Coy. A.I.F.
3rd. London General,
WANDSWORTH.

F. A. Pope.
London.
1.10.18."

J. H.
M

6th Battn.
A.I.F.

SUTHERLAND.
D. 3954.

"Killed in Action 30-10-17"

Was L/Cpl in C. Company. 10th Platoon. 6th Battalion. about 5ft 9, rather fair, medium build, called "Dcn". He had just taken my place in charge of a Lewis Gun Post in front of Passchendaele Ridge on or about October 30th in the evening, and he and another man were killed by shell fire. Fritz was shelling heavily and he was hit all over and killed instantly. He was left in the trench and a rifle was stuck up over him with name and details attached. I did not see it, but am certain this is correct. Heard all about it at the time, as he had taken my place just before.

Informant:- Cpl. T. J. Shrimpton. 5738.
C. Coy. 6th Battn.

I know the above report is correct. I also heard full details at the time.

Informant:- Sgt. W. S. Parker. 3695.
C. Coy. 6th Battalion.

London.
19-2-19.
J.E.A.

M.

6th Btn.

SUTHERLAND, D.
Pte. 3954.

Kid. in act. 30/10/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a well built man, about 5 ft. 8 ins. fair complexion, about 22 years of age. He embarked from Australia with the 12th Rfets. to the 6th Btn. on the "Ceramio" Casualty was taking part in the advance at Passchendaele. We had gained one of our objectives and was waiting for the barrage to lift off the next. Casualty was a Lewis gunner and had taken up a position with his gun, but the shelling was so intense he was forced to leave the position. He had just taken up a new position when an H.E. shell landed right into it and he was killed instantly getting the full burst of the shell. I saw his body the next day. I do not know where he was buried."

Private address:-
226 Station Street,
North Carlton.
H.A.T.
27/6/19.

Informant:- Pte. A. W. Pegg,
No. 1454, 6th Btn.

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