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**4276 Private
Harry Talbot**

2nd Battalion



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A.I.F. 2nd Btn

TALBOT "M.M." (HQ)
TALBOT
H. 4276

"K/Action"

Died of G.S.W. head penetrating-2nd A.C.C.S. - buried at
M. Cemetery Trois Arbres.
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs 28-8-18.

London
28-8-18

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A. I. F. 2nd Bn.

TALBOT, "M.M." Pte. H. 4276.

K. March 10/18. Det.D/B.

I knew Talbot well. He was in the same Coy. as myself - "D". I had just returned from Blighty leave and was reporting to my Coy. Commander my return to duty when I was interrupted by a man who reported to the Officer that Talbot had just been hit by a shell. It was one of our own shells which had been fired by the Germans from one of our Guns captured by them. The shell fell some distance away from him and one of the fragments struck him on his steel helmet. The Officer gave orders to take him down to the D/S and I heard a day or two afterwards that he had died there. Immediately after Talbot was ordered to be carried to the rear, my report was received and noted and I was sent into the line. It is certain that Talbot would have the usual Australian burial as we were on that ground 10 or 11 days before the German push began. I think he was buried at Spcil-bank but it might have been Ridgewood - almost certainly one of those 2 places. Talbot was not particularly tall and was inclined to be sandy. He was fairly well built though not stout and I would put him at 33 or 34.

Reference: Pte.C.E.Goodfellow, 6982, now B.Coy.

Nc.10 General, Rouen, 21.9.18.

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GPO.

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Havre

23rd Sept 1918.

Australians. 2.

Talbot (RM) H. No. 4276.

K. 10th March 1918. Det D/B.

I knew him well, he was my mate. He was thin, clean shaven, of medium height. I had known him for about 12 months. I was ~~working~~ with him, near Hill 60, when the Germans put over a few stray shells and one hit him in the head. He was taken to the D/Station, and he died there about the next day at Kemmel. I saw him hit. Undoubtedly he was buried.

Inf:- Pte A. Hodge No. 4622.
A.I.F. 2. H.Q.
Havre Hospital.

LAH.

S.

W.S.

PP.

Havre

29th Sept 1918.

Australians. 2.

Talbot (RM) H. No. 4276.

K. 10th March 1918. Det D/B.

I saw him killed by a shell at Ravine Wood near Hill 60. I was alongside him. He was carried out but I can't say where he was buried. He was in the same Company.

Inf:- L/Cpl B. Little No. 977.
A.I.F. 2. D. XIII.
Australian Conv. Depot.

CRR.

C.S.

S.

PP.

L.C.

2nd Battn.
A.I.F.

Harry

TALBOT.
4276.

"Killed in Action 10-3-18"

Re the above named soldier. I gladly give you the following particulars. He was admitted to this Hospital on the 10th of last month suffering from a G.S.W. in the head, from the effects of which he died the same day. He was unconscious the whole of the time. His grave is in the Longueuesse (Souvenir) Cemetery.

Letter from:- F.P. Williams.
Chaplin.C/E.

2nd Aust: C.C.S.
B.E.F. 12-9-18.

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

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A.I.V.

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TALBOT. LM. H. 4276.

K. March 10/18. Det. D/B.

Were in Ravine Wood, Hill 60 and a German heavy shell burst 400 yards away. A piece of the shell which was spent, struck Talbot on the forehead. I was 50 yards away and saw him afterwards. He was taken to the C.C.S. where he died 3 or 4 days later. Talbot joined the Bn. on Feb. 4/16 in Egypt. He was a short man with sharp features, aged 24. He had brown, curly hair. He won the M.M. on Oct. 4 at Passchendaele.

Reference: Cpl. J. Cassidy, 4153. C Co.
No. 11 Gen. Camp Buchy Nr. Rouen. 26.9.18.

JJA.

C. Sullivan

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J. A.

2nd Battn.
A.I.F.

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TALBOT. M.M.
4276.

"Killed in Action 10-3-18"

C. Tayler was there when the above was buried. I do not know name of Cemetery, but it was a British one, and so was the Chaplain who read the burial service. I helped to carry him to the dressing station, but he died before reaching there. Date about the 11th, and I think the Cemetery was near Ravine Wood. He had a Military Medal.

Eye-Witness:-

Description:- Nickname "Delly".

Home address:

Woodlands.

Maryborough.

Queensland.

Informant:- Tayler. C4596. I/Cpl.

(Quite reliable)

2nd Battn. A.I.F. D.16.

Much Winlock Forrester.

Lilla Davies.

London.

8-10-18.

M.I.S.

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2nd Battn.
A.I.F.

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TALBOT. M.M.
4276.

"Killed in Action 10-3-18"

He was of D. Company. XVI Platoon. Early in March at Sherwood Forest near Spoil Bank. we were holding the lines. About 9 a/c in morning, he was hit by piece of shell in head. I saw him after it happened, was unconscious. He was taken by S/B to D/S at Spoil bank, word came back to Battalion a few days later that he had died at C.C.S. but do not know number of this C.C.S. Knew nothing of burial. Was mate of mine. Christian name Harry, came from N.S. Wales.

Informant:- Pte. H. Fawcett. 1047.

2nd Battn. D. Coy. XVI Pl.

HAREFIELD.

A.D.G.

London.

12-10-18.

J.E.A.

S.

2nd. Bn. A.I.F.

16th. Plat. D. Coy.

Talbot (H.L.) H. 4276

Killed March 10/18.

I saw him wounded by the same shell that knocked me at Spoillank, to the right of Hill 60. It was about 1.30 P.M., he was hit in the head. We were taken to the C.C.S. at Kemmel in the same Ambulance, and from there I heard he went to Lille, where he died two days after being hit. We were in Dug-outs at the time of the Casualty. Talbot was well liked, we used to call him Dolly because of his squeaky voice. He came from Surry Hills, near Sydney, N.S.W.

Age. 31. Height. 5.6. Very Fair. Very Int. t.

Fitness. Atkinson, Pte. T.A. 2568. D.I.M. 13th. Plat. D. Coy. 2nd. Bn.

Taken at No. 4. C.D.

Hurdcott.

13.11.18.

C.H. Prown

No. 4. Command Depot

Hurdcott.

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A.I.F. 2nd Battn.

TALBOT M.M.
H.4276.

"Killed 10/3/18."

Of D. Company. About this date at Ravine Wood near Hill 60, Messines. In reserves, he was standing up in the trench, when a shell burst about 200 yards away; piece hit him in head. Was conscious and said he felt alright. Was taken to Casualty Clearing Station at Kemmel, where I went to see him. He died there a day or two later. I heard he was buried in a Military Cemetery at Kemmel, but have not seen the grave. Was particular mate of mine. Came over in the same reinforcements, 13th of 2nd Battn., Was well known and well liked..

Informant:- J.D. Moran, 4233,
2nd Battn. D. Coy,
now C. Coy,
Anzac Buffet.

A.D.G.
London
24.11.18.
H.G.

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Enquiry.

D. Company. 2nd. Battalion.

Talbott, Pte. H. No. 4276.

Killed March 10th. 1918.

Would you kindly place this name on your enquiry list so as to receive details of Death and Burial. Any information received please forward to the undermentioned address.

Address.

Mrs. A. Dodman,
"Bristol",
Albany Road,
Stanmore,
Sydney.
New South Wales,
Australia.

C. H. Brown,
No. 4. Command Depot,
Hurdcott.

23. 8. 18.

2nd Battn.
A.I.F.

TALBOT "M.M."
H. 4276

"KILLED 10-5-18"

Of D.Coy. In March at Ravine Wood in front of Hill 60.
In Reserves - was hit by piece of Shell in Head. I was there
and saw him being bandaged up. He was unconscious and was
taken out by Stretcher Bearers to Dressing Station.
I know nothing of burial. I was taken Prisoner of
War on 21-5-18.

Informant - Marshall, L./Cpl. S. 4351
2nd Battn. D.Coy.
Anzac Buffet.

A.D.G.
28-11-18
London
3-12-18
H.G.

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A.I.⁴. 2nd Battn.

TALBOT "M.M."
H. 4276.

"Killed 10.3.18."

He was in D. Company, and was a Military Medalist. I saw him wounded while in reserves at Hill 60 in Flanders, when he was hit by a piece of shell in the head and was then carried out to Dressing Station at Kemmel; he was unconscious. Casualty happened about 5 p.m. on March¹⁰ 1918 at which time we were standing up watching shells bursting about a quarter of a mile away, when a piece of one of them hit him. I knew him very well, and he came from Sydney, New South Wales, where he was a Commercial Traveller. I cannot give any details of burial, but refer to Coy. Clark D. Coy, 2nd Battalion, for such details.

Informant:- I/Cpl. E.J. Smith, 3119,
D. Coy, 2nd Battn,
3rd A.A. Hospital,
Dartford.

W. Oman.
London
5.12.18.
H.G.

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A.I.F. 2nd Battn.

TALBOT "MM"
H. 4276

" "KILLED 10/3/18"

Was a Pte in 16th Pltn., D Coy., 2nd Battn., thin, slight, medium height, sandy. I saw him hit at Ravine Wood, near Hill 60, on 10th March about midday. Fritz was shelling Hill 60 and a 9.2. burst about 300 to 500 yards away. A piece of the shell hit him in the top of the head. Stretcher Bearers took him away unconscious and I did not see anything further of him, but heard he was evacuated to Casualty Clearing Station at Kemmel.

Informant:- Pte W. F. Knight, 1782,
16th Pltn., D Coy., 2nd Battn.

Above account is correct. I saw him hit. He was a very popular man, and one of the best soldiers in the Coy.

Informant:- Sgt. Mjr. Brooks, F.W., 3710,
16th Pltn., D Coy.

H. S. Cowan

London
14/3/19

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2nd Battn.

TALBOT, (M.M.)
H. 4276

K. 10/3/18

About 5ft 6ins., fair, slim build, about 28 years of age. Christian name Harry. He was a relation of mine and we were together just behind the line at Hill 60 near Wyshaete, he went back a little way to get his tin helmet, when a shell burst and a piece hit him in the head. He was taken to the Dressing Station where he died shortly afterwards. His body was buried just outside the Dressing Station at Hill 60.

Dodman, F.
4176, 4th Battn.

Private Address:-
65 Albany Road,
STANMORE,
Sydney

Sgt. E.A. Gill,
H.M.A.T. "Suffolk"
23/4/19

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A.I.F.
2nd Btn.

TALBOT: H.
Pte. 4276

K. March 10th 18

16th Pltn. D Co. Auburn Curly hair, age 23-4, 5ft5in/6in.
and had a very weak voice. He worked in the Everely Tram Sheds
He was wounded on top of the head by a piece of shell, very bad
wound, on 10th March at Ravine Wood. He was taken away by
S/Bs. to the D.S. Can give no further details.

Informant:- Pte.W.Connelly, 4152
D.Co.

Confirmed by Pte.R.C.Johnson, 4212 D.Co.

R.C.Wheeler,
H.M.A.T. City of Poonah
15/5/19

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TALBOT,
H. (H.M.) 4276

K. 10/3/18

We were playing cards at Ravine Wood (near Hill 60) and Fritz started to shell about 3 p.m. on 10th March 1918. Talbot left us and went to get his tin hat and when about 50 yards from us I saw him hit in the head by a piece of shrapnel and severely wounded. He was taken to the Spoilbank (?) Dressing Station and I heard later that he had succumbed to his wounds. I believe that he was buried in the village Cemetery at Kemmel. Talbot was of slight build, red hair and had a high pitched voice. He was well liked among the boys.

Bugler Edwards 4483
2nd Battalion.

Private Address:-
Victoria Street,
Goulburn, N.S.W.

A.L. Runcie.
H.M.A.T. "Boonah"
10/6/19.

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O. C.'s Draft.

Aug. 29

O. C.

2nd

Aust. C. C. S.

B. P. J.

Dance.

4276.

Pte H. Talbot. M.M.

2nd. Blk. A.I.F.

O. J. W. 10.3.18

A.I.F. 4 Squad F.O.

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From F. P. Williams, M.C. Chaplain C/E Harry Talbot
To Miss Vera Beaman, Aust R.C.S. London 2nd Batt
Nui A 10.3.188

no 4276 Pte H Talbot M.M. 2nd Batt A.I.F. deceased

Replying to your enquiry of the
29th ulto re the death of the above named
soldier, I gladly give you the following
particulars

He was admitted to this
hospital on the 10th of last month suffering
from a G.W. in the head, from the effects
of which he died the same day. He
was unconscious the whole of the time

His grave is in the
Langeness (southern) Cemetery

Yours faithfully

F. P. Williams
Chaplain C/E

