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7551 Private Maurice Alfred James Steadwell

40th Battalion



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A.I.F. 40th Btn

STRADWELL
Maurice 7551

"K/A. 16-6-18"

Died of wounds 16-6-18 @ 5th C.C.S.
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 21-7-18.

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London
1-8-18

40th Battn.
A.I.F.

STEADWELL
Maurice 7551

"Died of Wounds 16-6-18"

Re Pte.Steadwell. He was admitted here severely wounded in leg and only lived a short time. I wrote full particulars to his brother. He is buried at Crouy. - Plot 2 - Row D. - Grave 9.

Letter from:- The Matron,
5th C.C.S.,
B.E.F.

London
10-8-18

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A.I.F.40. STEADWELL, M. 7551.

D/W June 16th 1918. Dets.

Steadwell who I think was in A.Co was ration carrying in June I forget the date, at Villers Bretonneux. About 8.30. p.m. he was coming from support line to the cook house to get the rations, when he was wounded by a shell at "the Five Corners", 150 yards or so from the cook house. I was just starting with my rations when he came up, and I saw him carried on a stretcher to the Aid Post when in a cellar by the cook house. From there he was taken away and we heard afterwards that he had died in hospital.

Inf: Pte T.T.Airey. 3609. B.V.
No. 54 General
BOULOGNE. 23.8.1918. JT

Havre 19th August 1918.

Australians. 40. Steadwell M. 7551.

D/W 16th June 1916. Not D/B.

I knew him from being in my platoon. He was about 30, tall and thin and rather dark. He was rather quiet. About the 16th June we were near Villers Bretonneux holding the line. In the evening Steadwell was one of a ration party, and was going to the cookhouse for rations from the front line when he was hit by a piece of shell in the leg. I carried him down to the R.A.P. I heard that he died before he got to the C.C.S. , and that he was buried with several other men near the railway track [illegible] C.C.S near Villers Bretonneux

Inf:- Pte E.B.Murfis "No.2100."
A.I.F. 40. B."Vill."
Australian Conv. Depot.
Rouelles.

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21st August 1918.

Australians. 40.

Steadwell M. 7551.

D/W 16th June 1918. Det D/B.

I knew him pretty well, he came from Tasmania. He was short and dark, about 29. About the 16th June we were at Villers Bretonneux in the line. About 10 p.m. Steadwell was one of a party (of which I also was one) on ration fatigue. We had just taken cans down to get them filled with rations when a shell hit Steadwell. He was very badly wounded in the legs and taken to the D/Station. I heard that he died later at the C.C.S. I don't know about burial.

Inf:- Pte E.J.Newcombe No. 2619.
A.I.F. 40. B. VIII.
Australian Conv. Depot.
Rouelles.

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40th Battn.
A.I.F.

STEADWELL.
M. 7551.

"Died of Wounds 16-6-16"

He was of B.Company. VII Platoon. In village of villers Bretonneux about 10th June, was hit in head, legs and arm by shell splinters. I was alongside him at the time, was half unconscious. but did not speak. Was taken by S/B to D/S and died at 47th C.C.S. at Bignecourt about a week later. Was buried in Military Cemetery at Bignecourt, I have not seen his grave, but my mate, Pte.A.E.Williams, of B.Company, has. - cross erected. Christian name Maurice - came from Launceston.

Informant:- Pte.P.Thunder, 7576.
40th Battn. B.Coy. VIII Pl.
HAREFIELD .

A.D.G.
London.
2-9-16.
J.E.A.

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40th Battn.
A.I.F.

STEADWELL
M. 7551

"Died of Wounds 16-6-18"

He was in B.Coy., and I saw him wounded at Villers-Bretonneux, when he was hit by pieces of shell in the leg and thigh. He was carrying up rations at the time, about 10 o'clock at night. He was conscious when I saw him at dressing station, and seemed quite cheerful. I knew him well. He came from Tasmania. There was no other man of same name in Coy. I think it was on 15-6-18 he was wounded, and I heard shortly after that he had died, but I cannot give any details of burial, nor can I refer to anyone.

Informant. Skjottrup. Pte.A.W. 3392
B.Coy. 40th Battn.,
3rd A.A.H.,
DARTFORD.

W.Oman
London
2-9-18
J.E.A.

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40th Battn.
A.I.F.

STEADWELL.
M 7551

"Died of Wounds 16-6-18"

Steadwell was a ration carrier. His part was caught by a shell and Steadwell was wounded. I knew him very well. He was taken away by S/Bs to 2nd Aud. I saw him and helped the doctor to dress the wound and made him some tea. He was wounded in the knee and thigh. The knee was rather badly smashed. I am surprised to hear of his death.

Eye-Witness:-

Description:- "Mick"
Home Addre s:-
Burney.
Australia.

Informant:- Nolan.W.H.7775.Pte. (very good)
40th Battn.A.I.F. B.8.
Bath War Hospital.

Richard Adcock.
London.
23-9-18.
H.G.

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Maurice Stadwell

40 Bltn

See under

Lt E.L.N.S. Cutts

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Maurice Steadwell

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See under

Lt. G. L. S. Cutts

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