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4713 Private
Peter Arbuckle Taylor

1st Pioneer Battalion



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1st Pioneers.
A.I.F.

TAYLOR.
P.A. 4713.

"Killed in Action 7-7-18"

Buried Le Penglier Military Cemetery 2½ miles N.E.of Hazebrouck.

Cert: bynA.I.F.Hqrs 27-11-18.

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A.I.F. 1st Pioneer Btn

TAYLOR
P.A. 4713

"K. July 7/18"

He was a Pte. in B.Coy, medium height, thickset. I did not see him hit, but saw him brought in on a stretcher to our billets. It was about 8 a.m. on 7th July, when I saw him, but he was knocked in the early morning whilst digging trenches at Borre, near Strazeele. A Whizzbang burst right on top of him & hit him all over, both legs were broken, part of shoulder & elbow blown off, must have been killed at once. He was buried at La Pompliere in a corner of the cemetery reserved for our Btn. The Btn Padre conducted service - a cross was erected.

Informant - Pte. W.H.Ready, 3899
B.Coy, 1st Pioneers.

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7-2-19.

AUST.PIONEERS. 1. TAYLOR. P.A. 4713.

K. July 7th 1918. Dets.

Taylor - initials P.A. - was from Sydney, and came over with me in Oct.1917 in 13th Reinf. of the 1st. He was born in Scotland. He was killed in June or July at Rouge Croix near Strazeele, and was buried at Le Peuplier(?) in a big cemetery between Rouge Croix and St Sylvestre Cappel.

Inf: Pte.J.T.Slater. 4641. C.IX.
No. 32 Stat Hosp.
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1st Australian Pioneer Battalion, A.I.F.
13th Reinforcements.

TAYLOR P.A. Pte.
No. ~~2713~~ 4713

"Killed In Action, 7/7/18."

Informant described Taylor as about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, thick set, aged about 28, and a Scotchman by birth.

Informant states that on, or about the 7/7/18, the Battalion was in action at Strazeele. Early in the morning when they were digging communication s trenches under enemy fire, Taylor was hit by shrapnel and killed. Informant did not see this happen, but got the information from eye-witnesses. He was buried in a Military Cemetery at Bore, about 4 miles from Strazeele, and Informant saw his grave a couple of days later. It had been done up, and a cross with name etc. thereon, erected.

Informant - Private S. C. Walker, No. 4657,
"C" company, 1st Pioneer Battalion.
Home Address - Post Office,
Blacktown, New South Wales.

W.E.C.
No. 4 Australian General Hospital,
SYDNEY.
3/1/19.

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SYDNEY BUREAU.

1st. PIONEERS, A.I.F.
13th. Reinforcements.

TAYLOR P. A. Private.
No. 4713.

Killed 7/7/18.

Informant states that he saw a cross which had been made for the grave of Taylor and saw the party that set out to put it in position. He believes that the grave was at Proyart.

Informant:- Private F. A. Evans, 2965,
D. Company.
Home address:- 390 Miller Street, North Sydney.

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1st Pioneer Battalion.
13th Reforts.

TAYLOR, P.A. Pte. No.4713.

"Killed, 7/7/18."

Informant describes him as about 5'6/7", weight 10 to 12 stone; fair complexion; aged about 30.

Informant states they both belonged to "B" Company. On 7/7/18 the Battalion was near Borre, putting down barbed wire, repairing trenches, and doing Pioneer work. About 10 a.m., while Taylor was working in a trench, he was killed outright by shell fire. Informant was about 200 yards further down the trench, and did not see Taylor hit, but word was passed down that he had been killed. Informant had seen him that morning while they were at work.

Informant - Private J.J.Glasson, No.3109,
1st Pioneer Battalion.
Private Address - C/o Mrs. Brennan,
9 Enmore Road,
Marrickville.

W.E.C.
Victoria Barracks,
Sydney.
17/3/19.

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