

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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16647 Sapper
Louis Mathias Wallis

7th Field Company Engineers



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UNOFFICIAL BURIAL REPORT FOR HEADQUARTERS

A.I.F.
7th Fld. Coy.
Engs.

? WALLIS
Spr. E.H. 16647

"Died of Wounds at 9th A. Fld. Amb."

Unofficially reported buried 1. Suzanne
2. Military Cemetery Caply

Cross on grave.

London.
14.5.19
J.H.A.
6.10.19.

name

Service

Cause of Death

UNOFFICIAL BURIAL
OFFICERS

7th Fld.Co.Aust.Eng.

WALLIS

Spr. L.M. 16647

Killed 1/9/18

Buried Suzanne Communal Cemetery Extension, 1.10

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

Melbourne

23/12/19

A.I.F. 7th Fld. Coy. Engrs.

WALLIS 16647
Spr. Lewis Mathias 16647

"Died 1-9-18"

Died of wounds 1-9-18 at 9th A.F. Amb. - S.W. amp: left leg
buried but no place of burial given.
Cert. by A.I.F. Engrs 3-1-19.

London
3-1-19

A.I.F.
7th Fld.Co. Engrs.

WALLIS, L.M.
16647

Died of Wounds 1/9/18

"I was near Wallis when he had his leg blown off by a shell at Clery. He hopped round saying, "I've got a Blighty", and refused to allow anyone to bandage him up until a boy named Rowe, who was also hit by a piece of the shell had been attended to. They were taken back to the D.S. That was the last we heard of them for quite a long time. However, we eventually found out that they both died at about 10 a.m. the same day (the day they were hit), and that they had been buried at Suzanne. We erected a cross over Wallis' grave."

Informant:- Sergt. Hadley, 7th F.C.E.

Home address:- 2 Terry Rd., Petersham. N.S.W.

E.G. Title
S.S. KAROA
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7th FIELD COY. ENGINEERS.
(late December reinforcements).

WALLIS.
Sapper L.M. 16647.

"DIED OF WOUNDS. 1.9.18."

He was killed at Peronne in front of Mont St. Quentin battle. My brother, who saw it, gave me the information. I was at the back with Headquarters. My brother, who is not back yet, told me that Wallis was badly wounded in the left leg. He said he was a brave lad, and he (Wallis) told the doctor to attend to others who needed his services more, first.

Mrs Wallis lives at Stanmore, Sydney.

INFORMANT: Lance-Corporal A.C. Sorrenson, 2791,
7th Field Coy. Engineers.

Home address;

5 Ruess Street, LEICHHARDT.

G.S.A.
Victoria Barracks, SYDNEY.
13.5.19.

SYDNEY BUREAU. ✓

A.I.P. 2nd Div.
F.I.Ingr's.7th Co.

WALLIS. Spr.
L.N. 16647.

"D/W 1.9.18."

5'9", dark, age 21. From Sydney. N.S.W.
During the early morn of 1.9.18. Wallis had one leg blown
off by a shell near Mons. St. Quentin. He died at C.C.S. same
day. He would be buried in a cemetery at Fleucelles. I did not
see him killed or buried. Cpl. A.P. Lawson 145 Mitchell Rd.
Alexandria. Sydney made a cross and placed it on his grave.

Informant:-

Pte.G.F. Roberts 15142.
7th Fld.Ingrs. now at
Aust. House. 12.5.19.

O.S.W.
London.
13.5.19.
J.F.A.

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A.I.F.
7th Co. Pld. Engrs.

WALLIS.
SPR. L.M. 16647.

"D/N 28.9.18."

5'7", fair, age 24 yrs, Single. Sydney. On night of 28.9.18. Wallis and 7 others were hit by shell at Village near Peronne. Wallis had one leg blown off and died at Dressing station. I saw him on stretcher at dressing station and he requested the other chaps to be attended before him. He was buried in a Cemetery at Camby. A cross was erected. I saw the grave and cross.

Informant:- Spr. T.P.L. Greenhill.

Home address:-
59 Beaconfield Parade.
Grennton. Victoria.

7 P.Co. Engrs. A.I.F.
Ward 29. 3rd A.A.Hpl. 3.5.19.

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London.
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7th FIELD COMPANY ENGINEERS.
(Late December Rfts.)

WALLIS, Sapper.
L.M. No. 16647

"D/Wounds 1/9/18".

Informant described Wallis as about 5'6" high, very heavy build, dark complexion, aged about 26. They both belonged to 7th Field Company Engineers, Wallis being A.M.C. Orderly.

On 1/9/18 the Company was in action against Peronne and hopped over at daybreak. Just before the hop-over, while 7 men, including Wallis, were in a dug-out waiting for the hop-over a shell burst at the dug-out and hit the Occupants. Informant was about 50 yards away and saw the shell explode and went over to the dug-out. He found Wallis conscious and they spoke to each other. Wallis asked that those more severely wounded than him should be taken out first. Informant saw him taken away and never saw him again, but heard that he died. An investigation was made by the Staff-Sergeant, who ascertained that Wallis was buried in a registered cemetery at a Dressing Station near Cappy. Informant added that Wallis was a fine chap and well thought of by his mates.

Informant:- No. 3759 - Corporal W.A. Viggers,
7th Field Company Engineers.
Private address:- NEW LAMBTON, N.S.W.

The under-noted states that he saw the grave of Wallis about two weeks after he was killed. It was in a Cemetery near

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7th Field Coy. Engineers.

WALLIS, Spr. L.M. No. 16647

to Villers Bretonneux, known as Adelaide Cemetery. A cross was on the grave with the name etc. of Wallis thereon.

Informant:- No. 2731, Driver W.H. Ellis,
7th Field Company Engineers.

Private address:- Reynolds St., Neutral Bay.

F.R.G.
Anzac Buffet, Sydney.
2/6/1919.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

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18th. March 1919.

7th. Field Engineers. A.I.F.

Wallis. L. M. 16647.

D/W. September 1/1918. Det.D/B.

He was wounded by a shell at Clery and was taken to a D/Station and from there to the C.C.S. at Suzanne, where died. He was buried at the Military Cemetery at Suzanne, and I assisted to put up the cross over his grave. He came from Sydney and was an upholsterer.

Inf:- Sapper. W. C. Quirk, 8253,
7th. Field Engineers. A.I.F.
Austr. Demob. Base.

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20th. March 1919.

7th. Fld. Engineers.

Wallis. L. M. 16647.

D/W. September 1/1918. Det. D/B.

He came from Sydney and was single. He was hit by a shell in his dug-out at Clery about dusk, with several others, and he died ~~at~~ the ~~night~~ next day at the C.C.S. and was buried in the Military Cemetery at Suzanne.

Inf:- Sapper. A. Reid, 3145,
7th. Fld. Engineers. A.I.F.
Austr. Demob. Base.

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7th. Field Eng.

16647
Sap. L.M. Wallis 16657.

D. W. 1.9.18.

This man was badly wounded in the leg in front of St. Quentin and was taken back to a dressing station at Suzanne where he died and was buried. The grave was marked.

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Informant:- Sap. T. Bond, 393
7th Field Engrs.

T. S. Anchutec



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7th Company F.C.E.

WALLIS,
Pte. I.N. 16647

D/W 1st September 1918

I knew Wallis very well. He was a pal of mine. He was wounded on August 31st at Clery and was removed to a C.C.S. at Sussan where he died next day and was buried in the Military Cemetery there. Some of the boys made a cross of him and I helped to erect it on his grave. His left foot was blown off by the shell but he was very cheery nevertheless and would not let the boys attend to him as he said he was alright and there a lot worse than him who should be fixed up first. He was one of the most popular boys we had, and was a great sport. His people reside somewhere in Starnore, Sydney.

Description - Medium height, dark, rugged in build, about 22 years of age and single.

Informant:- 8252 Spr. W. Quirk,
7th F.C.E.

Private Address:- Burnie,
Tasmania

F. GREIF,
H.M.A.T. "Ypiranga"
19/5/19.

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C. P. Draft.
9th Aust. Fld Amb.
B. E. F.

Re. 16647
Sps. Lewis Mathias Wallis
4th Fld Coy Engineers

G. H. G.

IN SIXTEEN.

A.I.P.

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W. 440.

K. July 17/18. Det.D./B.
D/W. Aug. 14/18. Det.D./B.
D. July 28/18. Det.D./B.
K. Aug. 24/18. Det.D./B.
K. Aug. 30/18. Det.D./B.
K. Aug. 24/18. Det.D./B.
K. Aug. 13/18. Det.D./B.
M. Sept. 30/18.

A.I.P.

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K. May 9/18. Det.D./B.
K. April 9/18. Det.D./B.
K. Aug. 12/18. Det.D./B.
M. June 13/18.

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K. Aug. 8/18. Det.D./B.
K. Sept. 1/18. Det.D./B.
D/W. Aug. 8/18. Det.D./B.
W. and M. Mar. 29/18.
W. and M. Aug. 24/18.
D/W. Sept. 1/18. Det.D./B.
K. Aug. 12/18. Det.D./B.
K. Sept. 1/18. Det.D./B.
D/W. Sept. 8/18. Det.D./B.
K. July 4/18. Det.D./B.

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About
16646 ~~16646~~ Sappard. Wallis
9th. Hd Co. Engin &
A. I. 4

K July 17/18

Written 12.9.18
Mrs

Wallis Sapper

7 Field Co Engineers

Present address wanted

S. M. Wallis 7th Field Coy Eng 16647 Dft 1.9.18

File under
16646

Sgt S. Wallis

7th Field Coy Eng

K. H. 17.7.18

Report Section



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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY
WOUNDED MISSING
ENQUIRY BUREAU

38, GROSVENOR PLACE
LONDON, S.W. 1.

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Sapper ~~James~~ *James*
7th Field ~~Engineers~~ *Engineers*
Australian ~~Force~~ *Force*

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London
S. 11616



AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY

(WOUNDED AND MISSING INQUIRY BUREAU)

36, GROSVENOR PLACE,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

Sapper L. Wallis
7th Field Co. Engineers
A.I.F.

12.9.18

Dear ~~Mr~~ Sapper Wallis

We have been requested by our Bureau to make enquiries concerning your brother 16646 Sapper S. Wallis 7th Field Co. Engineers *who is reported killed July 17/18* and have been told that you knew your brother to have been killed on that date.

We should be most grateful if you would kindly write and tell us if our informant was correct in his statement and if you have written home to tell your people all you know.

If there are any points on which you are not quite satisfied, and would like further information, we should be pleased if you would send us all details as far as you know them, when we could instruct our Searchers to continue their enquiries on these lines.

Please accept our sincere sympathy in the loss of your brother.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Seaton.

SECRETARY.

Pennington