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1745 Private
Walter John Styles

53rd Battalion



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53rd Battn.
A.I.F.

STYLES
W.J. 1745

"KILLED 1-9-18"

He was killed on 2nd Sept. just in front of St. Denis. There is a picture of his grave in Anzac Bulletin 18/10/18 showing the name on his Cross distinctly (newspaper produced H.S.C.). We were dug in after an advance and he was killed by a big shell fired at point blank range. I did not see him hit but saw him afterwards and death must have been instantaneous. He was a Pte. in B.Coy. 6th Pltn. 53rd Battn., short, thick set, fair, small moustache. It was about 8 o'clock in the morning. Had a brother in same Battn., but he was in England at the time.

Informant - Crane.Cpl.R.J. 402
53rd Battn. A.Coy.
3rd A.A.H.
DARTFORD.

Home Address:-
Gundegai
N.S.W.

H.S.Cowan
2-11-18
London
15-11-18
J.E.A.

S.

53rd Batn.,
A.I.F.

STYLES,
W.J. 1745.

"killed in action - 1-9-18."

"He was in B. Coy., and I saw his grave close to Peronne close to the French Cemetery on the outskirts of the town. I marked his grave with a cross having full details marked thereon and a photo of his grave appeared in the Anzac Bulletin on page 4. of October 18th 1918.

Informant:- Pte. Whyte, V.A., 223,
B.Coy., 53rd Battalion,
3rd A.A.H., Dartford.

W.Oman,
London,
22-11-18.
J.E.A.

S.

53rd Battn.
A.I.F.

STYLES
W.J. 1745

"KILLED 1-9-18"

I saw his grave outside Peronne on the field and grave was marked by a Cross having full details marked thereon.
He came from New South Wales. A photo of his grave appeared in the "Anzac Bulletin" of Oct.18/18 on page 4.
I cannot give any particulars of casualty and cannot refer to anyone.

Informant - Tweedie.Pte.W.G. 3440
53rd Battn. C.Coy.,
3rd A.A.H.
DARTFORD.

W.Oman
21-11-18
London
27-11-18
H.G.

S.

53rd Battn.
A.I.F.

STYLES.
W.J. 1745.

"Killed in Action 1-9-18"

He was in my Company. At Peronne we went over and dug in. He was a Machine Gunner at his post. I saw a shell come over and kill instantly both Styles and Rose. I can give no details of burial.
Age 22/23, about 5ft 11, 11 stone, fair complexion.

Informant:- Pte Griffiths.2.788.
B.Coy. 53rd Battn.
Littlemoor Camp.
WEYMOUTH.

T.S.Osborne.
London.
27-11-18.
H.C.

S.

A.I.F. 53rd Battn.

STYLES
W.J. 1745.

"Killed 1.9.18."

There is a memorial stone just outside the Church at Peronne in the Cemetery with the name of W.J. Styles inscribed on it. A photograph of this stone is produced in the November 8th 1918 number of the Anzac Bulletin, page 23, and a copy of the same is attached to the report of Donald Brown, on the death of Lieut. Davies, 53 A.I.F.

Informant:- 3804,Pte. Donald Brown,
53rd Battn. A.I.F.
B. Coy, Ward 9,
Beaufort War Hospital.

Arthur H. Styring.
London
2.12.18.
J.F.A.

S.

53rd Battn.
A.I.F.

STYLES.
W.J. 1745.

"Killed in Action 1-9-18"

Pte O'Malley , 53rd Battn. B.Coy. - now in France helped to bury this man just outside the civil cemetery at Peronne. I knew Styles - he enlisted with me and came from Forbes, About 21, short, nuggety., fair.

Informant:- Connell. V.C. 1636.

T.S.J.P.P.
London.
6-1-19.
H.G.

S.

53rd Batn.
A.I.F.

STYLES, W.J. 1745.
Bradley, E.W. 4694,
Ismay, J. 3511A.
Johnson, A.C.D. 2688.
Littleton, J.B. 2437.
Lyons, T.P. 3346.
McArdle, L/Cpl. R.F. 4824.
Mathers, T. 3502.
Rose, W.J. 5170.
Sowter, P.E. 3499.

"Killed 1st Sept. 1918."

"I am a Painter attached to Batn. Headquarters and I painted all these names of a large Memorial Cross which is erected in the French Cemetery at Peronne. They were all killed in the vicinity on Sept. 1st 1918 but are not necessarily buried in the Peronne French Cemetery. I made small Crosses for most of them as well. There is a record of locality of Graves with Batn. Headquarters.

Informant:- L/Cpl. A.V.Fisher, 2280,
53rd Aust. H.Q. Sig. (Painter by Trade),
Aust. Conv. Camp,
Rouelles.

London,
7-1-19.

S.

A.I.F. 53rd Btn

STYLES
W.J. 1745

"WOUNDED"

Adm. Tooting M.S. Hpl 27-6-17 - G.S.W. Shoulder - slight

Trans - 3rd Aux. Hpl Dartford 26-6-17

Discharged - Weymouth 9-7-17
Cert. by Hpl Index

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London
25-7-17

53rd Battn.
A.I.F.

S.M.S.
W.J. 1745

"KILLED 1-9-18"

Refer to page 4 "The Anzac Bulletin of October 18/18 for photo of this man's grave. His Cross was erected on Sept.21/18 and the cross in picture with Union Jack upon it, had marked on it all the names of 53rd Battn. men killed and buried there.

Informant - Hampton.Pte.J.S. 2674
53rd Battn.
3rd A.A.H.
DARTFORD.

A.E.Priddle.
2-11-18
London
15-11-18
J.E.A.

S.

8.1.19

1745
W. J. Styles
53 Bltn

IJ

See under

4694
E. W. Bradley
53 Bltn