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7025 Private
William Henry
Horwood

5th Battalion



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A.I. 5th Bn

WM. H. HORWOOD
7025

"K/A. 3-8-18 parties:"

Killed in action 23-8-18 - N.F.R.
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs 6-11-18.

London
7-11-18

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5th Batta.
A.I.B.

HORWOOD.
W.H. 7025.

"Killed in Action 23-8-18"

Was a private in D. Company, 13th Platoon, 5th Battalion.
big lump of a fellow, 5ft 10 or 5ft 11, well built, dark,
sallow complexion.

He was one of 4 stretcher bearers who were carrying out
a wounded Fritz on the morning of the 24th August about 9 o'clock.
A shell landed near by and three of the stretcher bearers were
hit. Horwood was badly wounded in back and leg, and died almost
at once, without being conscious. It was on St Martin's Wood, we
had taken it the previous day and there were a lot of wounded
Germans lying about, and we were carrying them in. I saw him just
before he was hit, was told immediately it happened, and hurried
along, but he was dead when I got there. Did not see him buried,
but it was near by.

Informant:- Sgt. H. Dew. 7244.
D. Coy. 5th Batta.

H. S. Cowan.
London.
28-2-19.
J. E. A.

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5th Battn.
A.I.F.

W.H. HORWOOD.
7025.

"Killed in Action 23-8-16"

Sgt Dew's account is correct, except that I am sure Horwood had fair hair. I was standing at the Dressing Station and saw the shell lob and knock 3 of the stretcher bearers who were carrying in the wounded Huns. We ran down to them and found Horwood was dead, left him there and carried in the wounded men. When I passed there again, his body had been removed, But I don't know where he was buried.

Informant:- Pte.F.G.Budd. 4759.
B.Coy. 3/B.
5th Battalion.

H.S.Cowar.
London.
28-2-19.
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5th Battn.

HORWOOD,
W.H. 7025 7025

K. 23/8/18

About 5ft 10ins high, fair complexion, about 26 years of age. Horwood was in the same Platoon with me and we were in the line at St. Martins' Wood near Proyat. There were some wounded Germans in our trenches and Horwood with two other volunteered to carry them back. While doing this a shell landed, killed Horwood and wounded another. Horwood died instantly. He was buried in St. Martins Wood.

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5th Battn.

Private Address:-

Stawell Street,

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Sgt. RA. Gill,
H.M.A.T. "Suffolk"
21/4/19

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5th. Bn "D" Coy

HORWOOD

W.H. 7025.

K.I.A. 23-8-18.

Horwood was killed at St. Martin's wood, just on the edge of the wood and in front of Proyard on August 23/18, I think he was hit by a piece of shell, cannot say if he died instantly. I helped to bury him on August 25/18 in St. Martin's Wood with 8 others, they were buried together. I made a cross and erected it on his grave. He was about 5' 4" high, dark complexion, medium build and just a young fellow.

Informant : 7330 Pte. H.J. Weaver
5th. Bn.
21 Henry St,
Footscary, Victoria.

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"Persic".
16-9-19.

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5th Battalion

HORWOOD,
W.H., 7025

K/A. 23/8/18

We had hopped over and taken St. Martins Wood near Proyart in the morning of 23/8/18. In the afternoon Horwood was assisting in the removal of Wounded Germans, when a Fritz shell burst alongside our party killing him and wounding two others. I did not see the casualty occur but saw Horwood's dead body about four minutes after death. He was lying on his back and as there were no wounds exposed I take it he was wounded in the back. He was buried somewhere in the vicinity where he was killed Horwood was in my platoon about 5'9" in height, well built and of dark complexion.

Informant:- Ho. 7244

Sgt. H. DEW

5th Battalion

H.J. Bennett

H.M.A.T. "City of Exeter"

16/7/19.

5th Battn.

HORWOOD
W.H. 7025

K/A. 23/8/18

Horwood was killed at St. Martins Wood, just on the edge of the wood and in front of Poyart on August 23rd 1918. I think he was hit by a piece of shell, I cannot say if he died instantly. I helped to bury him on August 25th 1918 in St. Martins Wood with eight others. They were buried together. I made a cross and erected it on his grave. He was about 5'4" in height, dark complexion, medium build and just a young fellow.

Informant:- 7330

Pte. H.J. Weaver,

5th Battn.

Private Address:- 21 Henry Street,
Footscray.

H.L. Pleydell

H.M.A.T. "Persio"

29/8/19.