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7254 Sapper John Edward Williamson

7th Field Company Engineers



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WILLIAMSON
J.E. 7254.

"Killed 1.9.18."

We had moved up from Bussy to in front of Peronne. It had taken us two days. We were going up to do bridge work. We had camped that night on the side of a hill. In the morning about 8 a.m., a shell landed into the midst of us, killing four and wounding four, Williamson was practically killed outright. Known him two years - in the same section, and came over from Aussy with him in"S.S. Star" of Victoria, leaving April 2nd 1916. Young, dark, a fitter - came from Victoria. Cpl. Kelsey writing, informed me he was buried on the spot. (Informant could not give any better description of the "spot".)

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I was told by Sapper Alf. Howell (7.1.Sec.), that Sapper J.E. Williamson (7.1.Sect) was killed instantaneously by a shell at 4 a.m. on September 1st, on the left of Mont St. Quentin. We were advancing towards the Somme and were camped for the night, just behind the lines. I was making a bridge, but they had not moved up yet. They were just waiting for breakfast, when it happened. Sapper Carter was wounded by the same shell and died at the dressing station. They were buried about 2 kilometres from Frise. I took the crosses down and saw their graves. Ground was held.
Description:- Only a boy about 20, fair.

Informant:- 3873, Spr. Paul Miller, (Intelligent & seemed accurate; anxious to help)
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Williamson was in No.1. Section. I was in No.4. He and 7 others were in a dugout on side of hill, just before Hop-over for Mont St. Quentin, Williamson and 3 others of the party were killed outright, 2 others dying of wounds by shell fire. I saw Williamson's body. The Casualty occurred about 2.a.m., and very dark. Huns had been shelling continuously. I saw Williamson buried just near where he was killed. I cannot remember name of village. Williamson was darkish, 5ft.7ins. or 5ft.8ins., There was only one Williamson in Company.

Informant:- Spr. H.G. Harsman, 18636,
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J.E., 7254

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I knew casually, he was a stout built man, 5'7" in height, dark complexion, 23 years of age, known as Jack. Embarked with the 5th Reinforcements to the 5th Field Co. on the "Star of Victoria". Casualty was in his billets near Peronne on the banks of the Somme. He was waiting to go forward to the forward area to do some trenching work when an High Explosive shell landed in the dugout killing him instantly. I saw his body soon after he was killed. He was buried at Fieullers.

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