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539 Company Sergeant Major Harry Fenton Manning Stead

3rd Battalion



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A.I.F.

STEAD
S/m. Harry Ronton 539.

"Killed in Action 23/7/16"

No trace Germany Cert. by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.

London.
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France.

A. I. F. 3. STEAD, H. F. S/M. 539.

K/23rd. July 1916.

He was killed by a shell at Pozieres while in the trenches about dark on July 25th. or 26th. I saw his body. I was just round the corner from him when he was killed. His body was buried out behind our trenches. He was Sgt-Major of D.Coy. I knew him quite well.

Reference: Sgt. H. Parker, 548, D.Coy.,
No. 26 General.
Etaples.
30.10.16.
SA.

3rd Australian Infantry.

Stead, Sergt. H.F. 539.

(K. July 23rd 1916.
Det. D. & B.)

Informant states that on July 23rd at Pozieres he saw Sergt. Major Stead killed. It was in the daytime.

Reference: Pte. Hudson 2607.
3rd Australian Imperial Force,
Northants War Hospital,
Duston,
Northampton.

Home address

Nov.

France.

A. I. F. 3. STEAD, H.P. Sgt.Maj.539.

K/23rd.July 1916.

He was my Coy Sgt.Major. He was buried by a shell in the front line trench at Pozieres. We dug him out alive and laid him aside. But another shell came over and blew him to pieces. I was close by and saw it happen, and saw the remains. I was wounded myself soon after, and don't know whether he was buried.

Reference: Ison, 1565.
No. 18 General.

Etaples.
4.12.16.
RBA.

3rd Battn.
A.I.F.,

Stead
Sergt/Major. H.F. 539

Killed July 23rd 1916"

Witness states that he saw Stead killed. He was standing about 5 yards from him, states he was blown to pieces and killed instantaneously. Time about 12 noon on Tuesday of Pozieres fight. He was killed by a shell, knows no more about him.

Reference;- H.Bryant, 497
3rd Battalion, A.I.F.,
3rd Aux. Aust. Hospt.
Dartford.
7-12-16.

London
13-12-16.
J.W.C.

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3rd Battn. A.I.F.
D Co.

STEAD H.F. Sgt.Major 539

Killed in Action 23.7.16.

I knew Sergeant-Major Stead. He was in D. Company I was hit at nidnight on 22.7.16 at Pozieres, and he called me into a shell hole about 100 yards behind the original front line. He there dressed my wounds and left his water bottle with me as he was called away. Before I left the lines I was told by two or three men in D. Company, whose names I cannot remember, that Stead was subsequently wounded and brought in, but before he could be carried away, he was again hit, and killed. I did not leave the line till 24th July, 1916, Monday at about 11 a.m., and I made enquiries about Stead, as he had been so good to me. I would like this sent to his people, and would be pleased if they would come and see me, as I should like to tell them what I think of him.

Reference:-- T.A.Mc.Inerney, 3167 B.,
3rd Battn. A.I.F., B. Company.
No. 4 Australian General Hospital, RANDWICK.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

H.S.O.
7.2.17.