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2896 Private
E J Walsh

38th Battalion

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A.I.F.
38th Btn.

WALSH
EDMUND JAMES 2896

Killed in Action 13.10.17.

Notreca Germany.

Cert. by Capt. Mills 10.10.19.

Name.	Unit.	Casualty.	Cause of Casualty.
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38th.Batt
A.I.F.

Walsh,
E.J 2896

"Missing 13.IO.17"

Killed 13.IO.17

Cert, by A.I.F.Headquarters dated 16.11.17

London 22.11.17

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36th Battn.
A.I.F.

WALSH.
Pte. E.J. 2896.

"Killed 13-10-17"

For information concerning death of Pte.E.J.Welsh refer to O/M/S Miller. B. Company. 38th A.I.F. France.

Informant:- Holmberg.J.Lieut.
36th Battn.A.I.F.
3rd London General Hpl.
WANDSWORTH,

Home address:-
Elmore.
Victoria.

Maud Hammond.
London.
27-8-18.
H.C.

M.

Written O/S/M. Miller
6.9.18

38th Battn.
A.I.F.

WALSH
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"Killed 13-10-17"

He was in B.Coy., and I saw him killed at Passchendaele, when death was instantaneous. He was hit just after the hop-over, but I do not know where he was hit. I was wounded the same time and was about 4 yds. from him. Casualty happened at early morning about 6-30 on 12-10-17. I knew him well, and we came away on the "Medic" together on 16-12-15. He came I understand, from the Shepparton District, Victoria. I cannot give any details of his burial. Refer to Pte.S. Black 38th Battn., now in France, for he and Walsh were great mates, and he may know place of burial.

Informant. Patterson. Pte.W.J. 2862
D.Coy. 38th Battn.,
3rd A.A.H.,
DARTFORD.

W.Oman
London
19-9-18
S.A.

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38th Battn.
A.I.F.

WALSH
E.J. 2896

"Killed in Action 13-10-17"

Re 2896 Pte.E.J.Walsh. He was one of the unfortunate men who was posted "Missing" on the 13-10-17. The doubt was not lifted until March 28th of this year, when a Board of Enquiry from this Battn. collected evidence and decided that Pte.Walsh was "Killed in Action" before Passchendaele on 13-10-17. There is nobody left in the Coy. who saw either Pte.Walsh or Yarra on that day. I went over the field while the battle was in progress, and when I tell you that a man if he became unconscious, would be swamped up in the mud I am not exaggerating in the least. That is a fate I am afraid that befell so many of our gallant men on that terrible morning.

Letter from:- Miller. C/Q/M/Sgt.J.H.
FRANCE. 20-9-18.

London
4-10-17
J.E.A.

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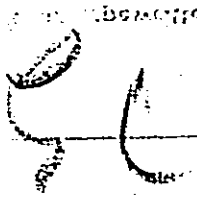

To Q/M/S. Miller
B.Co
38 Battn
A.I.F.

About
2896 Pt E.J. Walsh
38th Battn
A.I.F.

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Written 6.9.18

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E.J. Walsh

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The Secretary.
Wounded & Missing Enquiry Bureau.
Australian Red Cross Sy.
London.

Dear Madam,

Re No. 2896. Pte. WALSH. E.J.

With regard to yours of the 6th inst I am sorry that I cannot be of very much assistance to you in connection with the above.

Pte Walsh was one of the unfortunate men who was posted as "missing" on the 13th October 1917. The doubt was not lifted until March 28th of this year when a Board of Enquiry from this Battalion collected evidence & decided that Pte Walsh was killed in action before Passchendale on Oct 6th 17.

There is nobody left in the Company who saw either Pte Walsh or Yarra on that day. I went over the field while the battle was in progress & when I tell you that a man if he became unconscious would be swamped up in the mud I am not exaggerating in the least. That is a fate, I am afraid, that befel so many of our gallant men on that terrible morning.

Yours Sincerely

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