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3338 Private
Charles Joseph
Thomas Wraight

29th Battalion



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29th Battn., A.Coy.
A.I.F.

WRAIGHT
C.J. 3338

"Killed 16-12-17"

Refer to Pte. W.Steele, stretcher bearer, A.Coy., 29th Batt who is now in France, he was with him at time of casualty at Messines, and can give full particulars.

Informant. Martin R.D. 5054
29th Battn., B.Coy., 5th Pltn.,
3rd A.A.H.,
DARTFORD.

W.Omm
London
18-3-18

M.

Note:-
Written Pte. Steele 15-3-18

6th. March 1918.

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29th. Australians. Wraight, C. J. No. 3338.

K. 16th. December 1917. Dets. D/B.

Wraight came in the in 11th. Reinforcements in March 1917. He was a big built chap, fair, and about 22. He came from N.S.W. On December 15th. the Battalion was at Messines and in action. We were in supports right against a Pill-Box used as an Aid-Post when a shell fell. The men were in a lean-to against the Aid Post. The shell hit the lean-to and brought it down on them. When we got Wraight out he was dead. Death was instantaneous. We were alongside and went in after it occurred. He was buried in a Cemetery about 20 yards off, and his Grave was marked by a Battalion Cross. Wraight, Heal, and Corporal Barlow were all killed, and were all buried together, but each had a separate Cross.

Inf:- Sergeant. W. J. Walley. No. 2154.
29th. Australians.
C. Company.
10th. Platoon.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

PM.

29th Battn.
A.I.F.

Wraight.
C.J. 3338

Barlow.
H. 4245

"Killed 16.12.17"

Pte.W.Bird - same section as Barlow and Wraight - C.Coy. X Pltn. 6th Sec. Wrote and told me that they were killed by the same shell up at Ypres. he could give more details. Bird with Battalion.

Informant:- H.I.Tonkes 2501
29th Battn. C.Coy. X Pltn.
Westham.

W.A.Rand

London.
18.3.18.

M.

Written Bird about Wraight 27.3.18?

29th A. I. F. Wraight, Pte C.J.3338,

(K. Dec. 16/17. Det: D & B)

"I came over with Wraight from Melbourne. He was killed a the night before we were retired from the trenches just before Messines village in support line. A shell blew in the dug-out and he was killed instantly. He was buried in cemetery just behind Battn Hqrs, support line. This was about Dec. 16/17 Sgt. G.A. Bahm, 4004, L.G.Batt. A.I.F., corroborates above statement."

Eye-witness:

Description:

Informant: Pte J.C. Douglas, 3217,
29th A. I. F., C. Coy,
~~Napsbury~~ Napsbury Hospital, Ward M.C.
St. Albans.

Home address:
c/o Mrs. Douglas,
Hornebush,
Victoria, Australia.

2nd April 1918.
Albert Hill.

written Bahm 29.4.18

29th Infantry
A.I.F.

Wraight Pte. C.J. 3338

(K. Doc. 16th 1917 Dets. D/B)

At Gapaard, Messines.
"On December 15th C. Coy. were back in supports, in a trench alongside H.Q. Wraight and 5 others were in a "Lean-to" in front Of R.A.P. A shell came over, landing on the Aid Post and killing Wraight instantly. He was buried in a cemetery behind our R.A.P. Wraight belonged to C Coy. X Platoon, and his Cpl. J. Lane by name of same Coy. and Plth. told me the above."

Eye witness: No.
Description: About 5 ft. 8 ins. Thin, dark eyes and hair.
About 24. Very nice. Sang. Known as "Charlie."

Informant: Pte. Terence Beckett 4246, 29th Inf. A.I.F.
C Coy., H.Q.
5th Southern Gen. Hos: Hilton Section,
Portsmouth.

Home address: Millingandi,
via Bega, N.S.W.

Written Law
30-4-18

22.4.18.
E.C. Hughes.

Havre. 24th. April. 1918.

29th. Australians. Wraight, C. J. 3338.

A. December. 15/1917. Dets. D/B.

He was in C. Company, and the 10th. Platoon. I saw him killed at Messines at an Aid Post in a Pill Box by a shell on December 16th. I buried him that evening. He had a Battalion Cross over his Grave with full particulars on it. He was about 5 feet 9, brownish hair, clean-shaven, fair complexion, as always called "Charlie" I had his address but I have lost it.

Inf:- Sergeant. C. J. Walley. 2154.
Australians. 29. C. 10.
Hospital Ship.

CW.

A.I.F. 29th Battn.

WRAIGHT
C.J. 3338.
Johnson
Capt. H. L.

KILLED in ACTION 16.12.17.

Re No. 3338 Pte C.J.Wraight A Company 29th Battn., on making inquiries at our company office and amongst a number of men in our company; I am quite unable to trace anyone of the above name. He was not killed on 16.12.17 if he was ever in our company but I think that probably you have got a wrong address as none of our boys know of him at all. It is possible he was in another company but from my inquiries I dont think it probable. Two letters you sent me previously asking for particulars of Capt. H.L.Johnson and someone else, I passed on to the company office as they could give you more particulars than I. Capt. Johnson was severely wounded in the legs and possibly in the body too, as we were coming out from the line last December and all I saw of him was when lifting him on to a stretcher as I was attending to others who were wounded by the same shell. You will probably receive full information from the company office later. I believe our Captain died at a clearing station but while near us was wonderfully calm and was asking after those who were wounded about him.(Capt. Johnson was buried in the Military Cemetery at Trois Arbres Plot 2 Row 6 or C, Grave 12 Map reference Sheet 36 N.W.)Letter from:- Pte W.J.Steele

B.B.15.A.8.5.
London
3.5.18.

these particulars from the Parish (Censor)

France.
20.5.18.

29th Battn.
A.I.F.

WRAIGHT.
C.J. 3338.

"Killed in Action" 16-12-17.

Re no 3338.Pte Wraight.C.J. I saw him killed and helped to get him out after the shell killed and covered them up, and I also saw him buried along with two more that were killed with him and they were buried in a little soldiers' cemetery close to the front line at Messines. That was the 16-12-17. The deceased soldier was a tall thin young man about 22 years of age and of course was well known to me as he was one of my good men out of my bombing section so I can certainly guarantee that this is the same man and that he was buried as above stated.

Letter from:- Cpl.Love.J.J. 857.
FRANCE.

M.

London.
15-5-18.

29 A.I.F. Wraight. Pte.C.J. 3358

K. Dec. 15/17 Det D/B

"I saw Wraight killed by a shell while in a dug out at Messines at the end of Nov./17. We went into the trenches there the first time in Nov. and the second time in Dec/17. and Wraight was killed just before we came out the first time. He was buried at Messines. I knew Wraight well, and I knew his name and number."

Eye-witness I-
Description:-

Informant:- Pte.W.R. Pollock, 3298,
29th A.I.F. B.Co. 6 Pl.,
4th London Gen. Hosp.
Denmark Hill.

Home address:- Terang Post Office,
Victoria,
Australia.

May 27/18.
H. Lennox.

15. 3. 18

Pt. W. Steele S/B
A Coy.
29th Battn. A.I.F.
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Pt. C. J. Wraight
A Coy.
29th Battn. A.I.F.

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Pte W. BIRD

C. Coy. 29 A.I.F.

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C.J. WRAIGHT

C. Coy 29 A.I.F.

K 16.12.17.

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27.3.18

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Sgt. G. A. BAHM

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29 A. I. F.

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C. J. WRAIGHT

29 A. I. F.

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Corpl J. LANE

P. Coy 29 A.I.F.

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C. J. WRAIGHT

29 A.I.F.

K 16.12.17.

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30.4.18.

Capt R.L. Johnson (ed) G.J. Straight 3538
2nd/3 Battalion 29th Battn
D.G.W. 16.12.17 (ed) In the Field 16.12.17
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20-3-1918 M
WD 30.4.18

Dear Mrs Deeken,

In answer to yours of 15-3-18. asking for particulars re the death of No 3538 Pte G.J. Straight of A coy 29 Battalion, on making enquiries at our company office and amongst a number of men in our company, I am quite unable to trace anyone of the above name. He was not killed on 16-12-17 there was one in our company but I think that probably you have got a wrong address as none of our boys know of him at all. It is possible he was in another company but from my enquiries I don't think it probable.

I am letting you and me previously
asking for particulars of Corpl H.
Johnson and some one else, I
[illegible] to the company office as
they could give you more particulars;
Alan F. Hazlehurst was severely
wounded in the legs and perhaps
in the body too, as we were coming
out from the line last December
and all I saw of him was when
lifting him on to a stretcher, as I
was attending to others who were
wounded by the same shell.
You will probably receive full
information from the company office
later. I [illegible] our Corporal killed
a clearing station, but whether he
was wonderfully calm and was asleep
after [illegible] were wounded about
him. I am sorry I am unable to
give fuller particulars of any of those
you have inquired after.
Yours faithfully
J (Capt) D. J. Little

Capt Johnstone 2nd 17th Battn. A.I.F.

was buried in the Military Cemetery

at TROIS ARBRES.

Plot 2.
Row 6 or C
Grave 12
Map Reference Sheet 36 N.W.
B 13. a. 8.3.

Padre

Cross

Adelaide
13.5.18
91

3338 Pte C. J. Wraight
2/9 Batt
K in A. 16.12.17

France
6 May 1918

To Miss Vera Evaken

Dear Miss

Having just received
Your letter of enquiry Concerning 91 or 3338 Pte Wraight
C. J. I saw him killed and helped to fix him out
after the shell killed and covered them up and I
also saw him buried along with two more that
were killed with him and they were buried in
a little Soldiers Cemetary Close to the front line at
Armentieres that was the 16/12/17 The deceased Soldier
was a tall thin young man about 22 years of age
and of Course was well known to me as he was
one of my Good men one of my bombing Section so
I can certainly guarantee that this is the same
man and that he was buried as above stated

I'll be pleased at any
time to be able to send
you any news
Concerning men
of the 29th

Trusting that you receive
this I am Yours faithfully

857 Pte Lee JJ

J J L