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4599 Lance Corporal Ernest Charles Turner

2nd Battalion



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A.I.F. 2nd Btn

TURNER
Ernest Charles 4599

"K/A. 17-9-17"

NO trace Germany
Cert. by Capt. Mills 10-10-19.

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London
17-10-19

2nd Battn
AIF

TURNER
E.C. 4599

"Killed Sep. 27th 1917"

D. Coy., 16th Pltn. Was a L/Cpl. I saw him hit by a shell at Ypres. in front of Menin Road. He lived about 2 hours after being knocked I helped to carry him out to No 1 Dressing station on the Menin Road. We buried him just behind the dressing station. His grave had a cross with his name, No., etc., He also had a firing party.
He was called "Eddie" we were holding the line at the time.
Witness:- A. Reid 4317
2nd Battn
Harefield

W.G.J.
London.
24.1.18

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2nd Battn.
14 Rfts.

B.C.TURNER Pte.,
No.4599.

KILLED 17/9/17.

Informant described Turner as about 5 ft. 6 inches high, medium build, dark, aged about 23. Worked at a laundry, or at some works where a large number of girls were employed. Was a fast runner.

Informant stated that on 17/9/17 the Battalion was in supports at Polygon Wood, near Ypres. While there a German shell badly wounded Turner. Informant helped to bandage him and he was taken away to the Dressing Station, and Informant did not see him again. He was afterwards informed, however, that Turner died about 3 hours after being wounded. Informant could tell me nothing about burial, but as he died after being wounded, and under care, there is no doubt that he was given a good burial.

Informant described Turner as very popular. When killed he was a Lance Corporal.

Informant: Pte. W.P.Size, No.5761, 2nd Battn.,
No.4 Hut,
Australian General Hospital,
Randwick.

Home address: "Hascotte" Graham St., Lidcombe.

W.R.C.
8/2/18.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

S.Cal Coy

2nd Battalion.
14th Reinforcements.
A.I.F.

TURNER
Pte. B.C. No. 4599

"Killed in action 17.9.17."

Informant described Turner as about 5 ft 5 inches high, nuggety build, dark complexion, aged about 21.

Informant stated that on or about 17.9.17 the Battalion was in supports at Clapham Junction Ypres. Turner and Informant were both in the same Company "D". They were close to each other in the same trench when at dusk a shell burst in the trench and Turner was wounded in the face and head. Informant saw him hit and laying there wounded. He was unconscious and was carried away on a stretcher. Informant afterwards ascertained that he died at the Dressing Station and was buried with an officer by the boys the next day.

Informant: Pte. H.J. Garlick, 4497
"D" Company, 2nd Battalion.
No. 4 Australian General Hospital, RANDWICK.

Home address: "Verneville", Lonthall St.,
Kensington.

W.R.C.
19.2.18.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

S.Cal Coy

2nd Battn.
A.I.F.

TURNER
E.C. 4599

"Killed 17-9-17"

Turner was wounded in the Zonnebeke support lines and was taken to a Dressing Station where he died. He is buried there behind Zonnebeke and the grave marked with a stick, with disc. Lt. Thompson, 2nd Battn., is buried there with him. I saw Turner hit and carried him down. I also saw his grave.

Informant. Brown A.T.W. 4146
2nd Battn., D.Coy.,
Hut 21,
WESTHAM.

W.A.Rand
London
8-3-18

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Note:-
We regret the delay in typing the above report, but we have been obliged to hold it up on account of pressure of work and shortage of machines.

2nd Battn.
A.I.F.

TURNER.
H.C. 4599

Killed 17.9.17 Det. D/B.

I think that L/Cpl. Mackie (2 D.XVI) could give particulars about Turner.. L/Cpl. Mackie knows everyone in the Battn. and if anyone wa wants information thay always go to him. He is a good man, and very well liked.. He would be sure to take a very great deal of trouble for the Red Cross.

Eye-witness:- No.
Informant:- Nicholson, James 1066a Pte.
2nd Bn. A.I.F.
3rd Southern General Hospital
Oxford.
Home Address:- 127 Alice Street, New Town, Sydney..

Note:- Written L/Cpl. Mackie, 22.12.17

London.
11.1.18

2nd Battn.
A.I.F.

Turner.
R.C. 4599
(& 6 others, for full list of
names see J.C.Burgess' report)

"Killed in Action 17.9.17"

Pte.Turner was of medium height& black hair and had one peculiar ear. He was also a great foot-runner. I am afraid I have not given you a very good description of these men, but I hope that it will be sufficient to satisfy their relatives. I cannot give you any information of Pte.Crockford, but the other 5 were all buried on the field. I happened to be holding Pte.Shipp when he was killed. He was first wounded in the arm and I had just bandaged it up and was still holding him and a shell came and killed him. Pte.Richardson and Pte.Powell together. You can be safe in telling their people that they were all buried. Don't think you are imposing on me in any way, as it is only a pleasure to me to give be able to give you any information of mates in my Comapany.

Letter from:- J.H.Mackie
16th Pltn. 2nd Battn. D.Coy.

London.
16.1.18.

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A. I. F. 2. TURNER, E.C. 4590.

K. September 17th, 1917.

He was badly knocked about by a shell that fell in Zouave Trench, Hooge, on September 17th. I saw him taken away on a stretcher. His wounds were bad, in the leg, chest and head. He died on the way to the D/S. Pte S.H.Cluttorham, 4161, S/D, helped to carry the body. He reported to me that Turner had died while he was carrying him. I know nothing as to burial.

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Reference:- Sgt-Maj. T.D.Brown. 1052. D.Co. Frenq.

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N.B. Names, numbers &c. checked from Battn records.

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8.12.17.

Wilts Pte Cluttorham 17-12-17

Havre 21st Nov. 1917.

2nd AUSTRALIANS TURNER, 4599 E. L.

K. 17.9.17. Det. D/B.

I knew L/Cpl. Turner who was in the 2nd battn. Transport for some time, and then in D Co., 15th Pltn. He was married, dark, aged 27 or 28. Pte. P. White of the 2nd battn., D Co. (now in Hospital) saw ~~him killed~~ in a communication trench at Ypres in Sept. He knows all details.

Informant: Pte. R.C. Johnson, 4212
2nd Australians, D Co., 16th Pltn.,
Australian Comp, Rouelles.

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Written Pte White 28-11-17.

lfb 17.12.17

4161 Pte. S. H. CLUTTERHAM

2nd Batt.

A.I.F

B. & Y.

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4599 E. C. TURNER

2nd Batt.

A.I.F

K. 17-9-17

Qm. 21.12.17

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E. C. Turner 45-99.

Lic under

J. C. Burgess. 4348.

7/1/18

2 Batt.

28-11-17

Pte. P. White

W Co.

2nd Balln. a.17. C

B.17.

abt.

45-99 Pte. E.C. Turner

D Co. XV Pltn. C

2nd Balln. a.17. C

K. 17-9-17.

28.11.17.

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