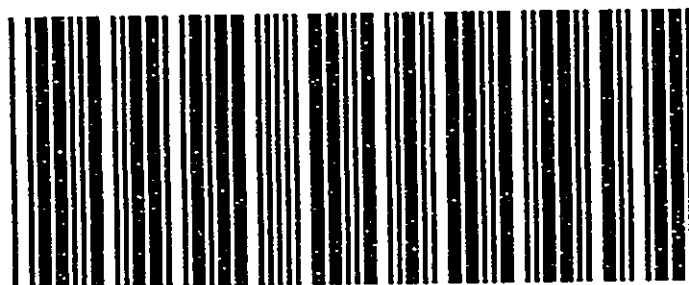


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**6628 Private
Hugh Wainwright**

15th Battalion



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15th Batn
A.I.F.

WAINWRIGHT
H. 6628

"Wounded and Missing"

Killed in Action 27.9.17, prev. reported wounded and Missing
Cert. by A.I.F.H. Qtrs 12.12.17.

P.I. Off. M.

London.
19.12.17.

15th Battn.
A.I.F.

Wainwright.
H. 6628

"Killed 27.9.17"

I was told by the boys that Wainwright was killed by the shell which wounded me at Polygon Wood on Sept. 26th 1917. I know he was close to me just before.

W.A.Rand

Informant:- A.J.Moss 7020
15th Battn. C.Coy.
Hut 12 Westham.

London.
28.2.18.

P.I.
Off.M.

15th Battn.
A.I.F.

Wainwright.
H. 6628

"Killed 27.9.17"

I was with him stretcher bearing when he was hit by a shell dying instantly. Going into the Polygon Wood stunt on the night of the 25th Sept. or morning of 26th Sept. Probably buried at the 2nd D.Stn. not far from the old support line near Menin Road. Piece of shell right through the heart.

Informant:- A.Duck 6758
15th Battn.
War Chest.

W.Alison.

London.
28.2.18.

P.I.
Off.M.

15th Battn.
A.I.F.

WAINWRIGHT
Pts.H. 6628

"Killed 27-8-17"

Wainwright and Pte.T.E.Chambers were members of the same Lewis gun team. They were both very badly wounded by the same shell, but they were not killed outright. L/Cpl.P.I.Connolly, 15th Battn. No.1 in the same gun team, saw it, and he it was that told me, and he will be able to tell you whether the men died of their wounds afterwards. This occurred at Polygon Wood. ~~South of Polygon Wood~~

Eye-witness; No.
Description;

Home address; Informant. McDonald Pte.Fred.John 1770
Orient St., (a very intelligent man)
Lismore, 15th Battn. C.Coy. 10th Pltn.,
H.S.W.

J.Earl Horman
3-4-18
London
30-4-18

NOTE:- Written Connolly 27-4-18

M. & P.I.

A.I.F. 15th Battn.

WAINWRIGHT
H.E. 6628.
CHAMBERS
T.E. 6731.

KILLED Sept. 27.17

Wainwright was killed outright at Polygon Wood by the same shell as T. E. Chambers 6731 (Sat. Eng. W.A.R.) - I saw this, in fact was wounded by the shell also. Cannot give information as to burial as I was taken away

Informant:- 6779 Handford G.
15, C. Coy.,
Westham.

W. A. Radd

London
30.4.18

M.P.I.

A.I.F. 15th Battn.

WAINWRIGHT
Hugh 6628.

KILLED IN ACTION 27/9/17.

Re Pte. H. Wainwright No. 6628 who was killed on the 27/9/17. To the best of my belief and from Enquiries made he was killed going into Action and was buried about the same place. Just on the East side of Westhoeke Ridge. Description - Height about 5' 10" about 12 stone weight Age about 22 years medium Complexion.

Letter from:- L/Cpl. R.G. Connolly, No. 6952,
15th Battn., France.
12/5/18.

London
22/5/18.

H.
P.L.

15th Btn.

MAIN WRIGHT. H.
Pte. 6628

Killed in action 27/9/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5 ft. 10 ins. slightly built, fair complexion, about 22 years of age. Casualty was in the front line trench at Ypres on the 26th September, 1917. An H.E. shell exploded in the trench killing Casualty instantly. I was 2 yds. from him at the time of his death and I was wounded by the same shell. I was taken away immediately and that was the last I saw of Casualty."

Informant:- Pte. A. J. H. Moss,
15th Battalion.

Private address:-

Myrallah,

Richmond River, N.S.W.

T.C.F.
8/6/18.

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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

8 Park Avenue.
Adl Handworth
13.12.17 8' Lane.
6. XII. 17.

Dear Sir:-

I am a representative
of the Australian Red Cross - in
Sunderly Rd. Hospital - Birmingham
and am writing for Private T. D.
Wainwright who is there at
present. He wants to know if
you could give the address of
his brother who is in France
now. Wounded on September 24th
1917. His name is Private H.
Wainwright 6628 - in the 15th
Batt. A.I.F.

I should be pleased to
hear if you can get any information.

Yours truly
(Miss) Irene Benesek

1. Corp. P. J. CONNELLY

2. M. G. SGT.

15 A. I. F.

B. G. F.

about

6.6.28

H. NAINNRIGHT

15 A. I. F.

1927.9.17.

Sw.

27.4.18

Missing Draft.

13.12.17

Miss Irene Schreck.

8 Park Avenue

Handsworth.

Bringing home

about. 6628 Plt H. Mainwright

15 Batta.

24th December, 1917.

Schreck
Miss Irene Schreck,
8 Park Avenue,
H a n d s w o r t h,
Birmingham.

Dear Madam,

Re Pte. E. WAINRIGHT 6622, 15th Batts. A. I. F.

We regret to inform you that the above soldier who was previously reported wounded and missing is now reported killed in action on the 27th September.

We are making further enquiries in the hope of learning details of his death, and will send you any information that we receive.

Regretting the distressing character of this news,

Yours faithfully,

S. J. Q.

SECRETARY.

7th March, 1918.

Miss Irene Schreck,
8, Park Avenue,
Handsworth, BIRMINGHAM.

Dear Madam,

With reference to your enquiry concerning :-

6628 Pte. H. WAINWRIGHT, 15th Battalion, A.I.F.

We have received the following unofficial reports from two men of the same Battalion.

7020 Pte. A.W. Moss, 15th Battn, C.Coy, Hat 12, No 2 Command Depot, Westham, Weymouth, states that he was told by his comrades that Pte. Wainwright was killed by the same shell, which wounded himself, at Polygon Wood in September. Informant adds that Pte. Wainwright was close to him before the casualty occurred.

6758 Pte. A. Duck, 15th Battalion, A.I.F., states that he was stretcher bearer with Pte. Wainwright at Polygon Wood, when he was hit by a piece of shell, which pierced the heart, and he died instantly. Informant thinks that he would probably be buried near No 2 Dressing Station, not far from the old support line, near Menin Road.

We are continuing our enquiries and hope to send you further details of his burial at a later date.

Yours faithfully,

K.C.

6628
22.5.18
M.J.
To Miss Drachem

France May 12/18
6628
Hugh Wainwright (ed)
15th Batt

Rm A 27.9.14 M
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Madam

In answer to your letter 4
dated 27/4/18 re enquiries about Pte H Wainwright
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Age about 22 years medium Complexion

Yours faithfully

Lt Col P G Connolly

No 6952

15th Batt