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**419 Private
Ernest Maffesoni**

13th Battalion



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A.I.F. D.Coy. 13th Bn.

MAFFESONI
Pto. Ernest 419

"Wded & M. 7-8-15"

Killed in Action 7-8-15
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 26-8-19.

M & S.

London
15-10-19

Med.

13 A.I.F.
D Coy.

Min A 7-8-15

E. August. 1915:

Maffesoni,
Pte. Ernie, 419
Ernest

Wounded and Missing 7/8/15

Cert.: A.I.F. Headquarters,
Cairo.

Cairo
7/4/15

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D. Coy.

Kin A. 7-8-15
Reported Missing.

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Pte. E. No. 419.
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Informant states that they were blown up in Quinn's Post on the 26th May at Anzac, early in the morning, and casualty was destroyed by the enemy mining their trench. All the boys of the platoon were positive that saw the fate of the casualty. Informant knew the casualty very well.

Private address,
Westley Avenue,
Gardenvale.

Ref:- Sgt. H. Nash,
No. 1115, 13th Btn. B.Co.

H.A.B.
3/5/16.

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Witness states, that, although he did not see Maffesoni killed, a stretcher-bearer told him that he helped to carry M. down and helped to bury him. Stretcher-bearer stated that Maffesoni was shot in the chest. This occurred in the left in the advance at Anzac. Witness knew Maffesoni well. Was in same section and same Coy., B Co., Was with him on night of 6th Aug., but got separated and, therefore, made inquiries. Maffesoni came from H.S.W., was dark, fairly tall, slim; inclined hook nose giving him a foreign appearance. Known as "Har". Age about 23/24.

Ref:- Pte P. Adams, 1311,
B Co., 4th Training Bn.,
Tel el Kebir.

E.A.W.
16/5/16.

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According to Witness, Maffesoni was in No. 8 Platoon of B (not D.) Coy, and was wounded early in the morning of the 7th. Cpl. Levick, who was with Maffesoni when he was hit, told witness the following tale on the 7th: - that upon being wounded, Maffesoni, abandoning all hope, had taken off his disc, but Levick had put it back round his neck, and that he had been taken down to the beach by the stretcher bearers. The report was that he had died there, but neither Levick nor witness had any first-hand evidence on this point.

Ref:- Cpl. Grady, 13th Bn., A.I.F., B Coy
Montazah, Alexandria.

D.A. Winstanley
1.6.16.

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MAFFESONI,
Pte. E. 419.

(7 Killed). Kiu A 7-8-15

On 7th August, near Suva, Informant saw Maffesoni after he had been hit. He was wounded in the back, and Informant helped to dress his wounds. He was then taken away to a Dressing Station.

Informant is sure of the date.

Ref.: - Murray,
Sgt. J.P. 1452,
B.Co., 13th Battalion,
No. 4 Australian General Hospital,
R A M D W I C K.

D.W.
22.5.16.

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Maffesoni, Waddle and Cpl Ryan were intimate friends. One night early in August the whole battalion went out to the left for an attack upon the Turks. A large number of the men carried bombs, which, exploding on the killed and wounded, often made identification difficult. Waddle understood from Cpl Ryan that he was with Maffesoni when he was killed; but Cpl Ryan (of B Coy) did not give any details.

Reference Pte Waddle 1628 13 A.I.F. B Coy.
Ras el Tin Convalescent Home Alexandria.

D.A. Winstanley
June 30 1916.

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