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WHEELER John Stewart

45th Bn
19.5.16
Peritonitis
(Father) Mr.J.A.Wheeler

Particulars Required for the Roll of Honour of Australia in the Memorial War Museum.

1. Name (in full) of Fallen Soldier ~~45th Batt. 3rd Reinf~~ John Stewart WHEELER
2. Unit and Number (if known) 45th Batt. 3rd.Reinf.
3. With what Town or District in Australia was he chiefly connected (under which his name ought to come on the Memorial)—
   Town (if any) Mudgee District ---- State N.S.W.
4. What was his Birthplace ~~Mudgee~~ Blayney N.S.W.
5. Date of Death 19 - 5 - 16
6. Place where Killed or Wounded Died Garrison Hospital Victoria Barracks Sydney N.S.W. From neglect by Dr.? in Kiama Camp.

Particulars Required for the Nation's Histories.

1. What was his Calling Railway Porter
2. Age at time of Death 17 years
3. What was his School Mudgee High School
4. What was his other Training
5. If born in Britain or Abroad, at what age did he come to Australia
6. Had he ever served in any Military or Naval Force before Enlisting in the A.I.F. (Please state particulars) Held rank of Sergeant in Senior Cadets.
7. Any other biographical details likely to be of interest to the Historian of the A.I.F. or of his Regiment— an athlete, a lover of boxing, 6ft nigh, 13 stone wght. This boy was a born soldier, full of resource and daring, and picked by his Officers for scout work in night patrols from camp. &c. He was to sail on 22-5-16, but was buried two days before. He had cried for two days in Kiama camp with acute appendicitis, the Dr. ? gave him salts one day and castor oil the next, saying "I dont know whats the matter with you" the boy got out of camp after crying in agony for 46 hours and made his way to Sydney to his mother, who discoverd what was wrong with him; he was rushed into Garrison Hospital and operated on immediately when it was found that the appendix had rotted and fallen off, the pus from the abcesses escaping into the system resulting in double pneumonia and after a fortnight, peritonitis, and death.
8. Was he connected with any other Members of the A.I.F. who died or who distinguished himself? (Please state Relationship)
9. Name and Address of the Parent or other person giving this information—
   Name JOHN ALFRED WHEELER
   Relationship to Soldier Father
   Address "Lillaville" Gipp Street, Arncliffe, N.S.W.
10. Names and Addresses of any other persons to whom reference could be made by the Historian for further information—
    Name
    Address

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One uncle, same age, won M.M. in France.