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**7499 Sergeant
Edwin Douglas Lillie**

2nd Battalion



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A.I.F. 2nd Batta
not 3rd Batta.

LILLIE (M)
Edwin Douglas Sgt.
7499

"KILLED IN ACTION 19/9/19"

Details not stated
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs List 5/12/19

Buried Mil. Cem. Mesbecourt
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 6/1/19

London
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2nd Batta.
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LILLIE. "M.M"
E.D. 7499.

"Killed in Action 19-9-18"

He was of B. Company. Not sure of date. Was Sergeant
Knew his number. We had gone through Proyart, about 2000
yards beyond village. The last day of our advance (company's)
He was killed outright as he was coming back, to see about
rations. Received full issue - blown to pieces. Two other
men who had just joined up were killed along with Sgt Lillie,
all badly knocked about. I was about 12 yards away at the
time and saw it happen. Their remains were taken back for
burial, but don't know where this was.

Informant:- Pte. A. Roberts. 3605.
2nd Batta. B. Company.
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5th. March 1919.

2nd. Battn. A.I.F.

Sgt Lillie. E. D. 7499.

K. September 19/1918. Det.D/B.

He was killed at Jeancourt and was buried at Tincourt near the C.C.S. there. There was a cross put over the grave with his name and number on it. He came from Sydney. He was in my Coy., and was a Sergt.

Inf:- Sergt. W. M. Aysom, 3686.
2nd. Battn. A.I.F. B. 6.
Austr. Demob. Base.

GRR.

RRB.

A.I.F. 2nd Battn.

LILLIE
E.D. 7499

"killed 19/9/18"

Was a Sgt. in 5th Pltn., B Coy., 3 Battn., medium height, slight, fair. I saw him after he was killed on 19th September. We were in reserve trenches after the Margicourt stunt and he was hit by a shell which landed in the dug out where he and L/Cpl. O'Neill were. They were both very badly knocked about and killed instantly. I did not see their remains until about 9 a.m. but they were killed 3 or 4 hours before that.

Informant:- 7893 Pte L. Riley,
5th Pltn., B Coy., 2nd Battn.

London
29/3/19
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A.I.F. 2nd Battn.

LILLIE
E.D. 7499

"killed 19/9/18"

I was only about 3 yards away when the shell landed and saw them just afterwards. It was about 5 or 6 a.m. They were practically blown to pieces

Informant: Pte W. McHash 7848,
6th Pltn., B Coy., 2nd Battn.

London
29/3/19
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A.I.F. 2nd Battn.

LILLIE
E.D. 7499

"killed 19/9/18"

I saw them immediately after they were killed. They were lying together I was only a few yards away and pieces of the shell cut my equipment to pieces. They were taken away by S/Drs and I don't know where buried

Informant: - Pte G. W. Henley 7722,
B. Coy., 2nd Battn.

H.S. Cowan.

London
29/3/19
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2nd Battalion, A.I.F.

LILLIE, S. D.
Sergeant No. 7499.

"Killed. 19.9.18".

Informant described Lillie as about 5'8" high, medium build, fair hair, aged about 25. Before leaving Australia was on the Staff of the A and I at Liverpool. Had won the Military Medal.

Informant states that they both belonged to "B" Company. On 19.9.18 the Battalion was in action near Jeancourt. The Battalion had gone forward the previous night and about 4 a.m. Lillie was killed outright by shell fire. Informant did not see him hit but saw him after he was killed later in the morning. His body was carried back to Tricourt and he was no doubt buried there.

Informant:- Sergeant R.S. McClelland, No. 545,
"B" Company, 2nd Battalion.

Home Address:- Rundle, N.S. Wales.

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Anzac Information Bureau,
Sydney.

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LILLIE E. Dick. Sgt.

No 7499.

Killed in action 19-9-18

"On the morning of Sept 18th about 5a.m. our battalion hopped off the tape, that is, we marched from way back and followed a white tape for perhaps a mile heavy rain falling for hours. We gained our objective and dug in on the brow of a hill. In front was a gully and facing us old French 1914 dugouts. A few yards away to my right Sgt. Lillie and Lance Corp Paddy O'Neill dug a fine "passy" and put three stout sheets of corrugated iron over for a roof and earth on that again. After a hard day's work they took a rest and lay down for a sleep. At about 4 a.m. of the 19th a big shell probably a 9.2 went through the side of their dugout. Death in each case was instantaneous. I cannot say for sure where they were buried but I think just near where they were killed. I left Australia Sgt. Lillie and Lance/ Cpl O'Neill. I have never met two finer men and both were very popular in our Coy. This was the last time our Battn. went into the front line trenches though some were wounded after the 19th. I think Sgt. Lillie and L/Cpo. O'Neill were the last men killed in the Battn. I will be pleased to give further information by letter or interview.

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My address is 35 Railway Rd. St. Peters Sydney.

Ing. Pte W.H. Paterson.
No 7587

G. S. Champion
H. T. Plassy
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2nd Battn.

LILLIE, E.D.
7499.

K. Sept. 19-18.

Was a Sergt. in B. Coy. with the M.M., dark 5'5-6 clean shaven. He was blown to pieces in a dugout on the morning of 20th Sept. The remains were taken by some of the men to be buried. No further details.

Inf:- Pte P.G. Claxton.
4149 B. Coy.
2nd Battn.

R.C. Wheeler
H.M.A. City of Poona.
15-5-19.

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LILLIE E.D. No. 7499

"K. Sept. 19/18"

Medium height and medium build, had the M.I., about 23 years of age.

At Hargicourt on Sept. 19/18, he was sitting in a dugout. A shell landed direct on the dugout and he was killed instantly. I do not know where he was buried.

Searcher:-

R. W. Pfeiffer,

Adm. Hdqrs.,

on board H.M. "Dunluce Castle"

531/5/19

Adelaide 21/5/19

Informant:-

Capt. C. K. Millar,

2nd Batta., A.I.F.

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2nd Battalion.

No 7499 - Sgt. G.D. Millie.

Killed in Action September 19th, 1918.

"He was killed by shell fire near Hargicourt and death was instantaneous. He was taken back and buried at Roisel Military Cemetery. The grave was marked by a Cross."

Informant:-Driver Bartier H.J., No 7069.
2nd Battalion.

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