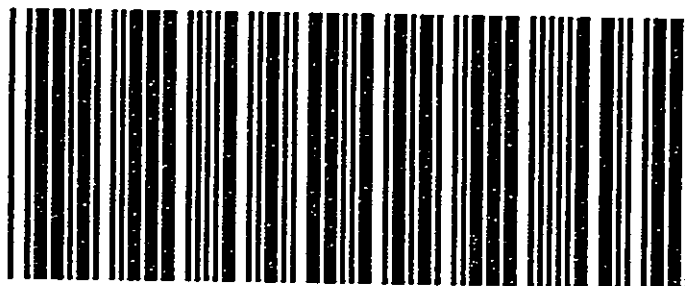


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**Captain
Thomas Cotgrave
Hewitt**

26th Battalion



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26th Battn.,
A.I.F.

HEWITT,
Capt. R.E.
C?

Killed in Action.

Killed in action 29-7-16.

Cert. by - A.I.F. Headquarters 13-9-16.

London,
14-9-16.

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26th Battn.
A.I.F.

Hewitt
Capt. / C.

"Killed in Action 29-7-16"

Nothing of course can be quite definite but on the night of the 28th or 29th July, Capt. Hewitt was just on my right, when we started off to the German lines.

I did not see him again until we were nearing the enemy's second line, I heard him sing out "Don't let the wire stop you boys" and saw him going on, but limping-as though he had been hit in the leg. Almost immediately the spot was impossible, the Hunns threw Grenades by the dozens and I am nearly certain all just there were caught.

No sign was again seen of Capt. Hewitt, and a couple who got off with wounds, state he was killed.

To my mind it is not at all likely that he got back, as right up to the present nothing has been seen or heard of him.

Cert. by letter from J. Lloyd, 2nd Lieut.

26th Battn, A.I.F.,

B.E.F.

23-11-16.

London
14-12-16.

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J. Lloyd*

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26th Battn.,
A.I.F.

HEWITT,
Capt.T.C.

Killed 29th Jly-16.

I knew Capt. Hewitt. He was over B. and his initial was "T", and I was told by L/c. Hamilton of B.VI.7. on the 28th Jly. 1916 that Capt. Hewitt had been killed by being shot through the head at Pozieres and was killed outright. Hamilton told me that he saw this happen. Hamilton was killed afterwards. There was only one Capt. Hewitt in the Battn.

Reference:- L. G. Wright, 1543. B.VI.

I saw Capt. Hewitt about a minute before he was killed, and was told by several men in D. -B.& D. were mixed up at the time - who said they saw it, that Capt. Hewitt was shot through the head and killed outright.

Reference:- E.A. McKenna, 1816. D.XIII.,
2.A.D.B.D., Etaples. 23-9-16.
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A.I.F. 26th.

Hewitt, Capt. T.C.

K. July 29, 1916.

At Pozieres were attacking and could not get through the barbed wire and were driven back about midnight, 29th July. I saw him hit when he was close to barbed wire. You could see the spark on his helmet. It was about a week before we attacked again.

Saunders 1829

Ward 38

Herefield Hosp.

Will try and get more from Sgt. Gillie.

D.F. Dickson,
25.9.16.

London
29.9.16.

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26th Battn.
A.I.F.

Hewitt
apt. T.C.

"Killed in Action 29-7-16.

He was killed at Posieres about 12.30 at night of 28th July by a bullet through his head, it was about 20 yards from the German trenches. We had to retire at that time. I saw his body.

Reference;- Hall. 1116
Ward 37
Harefield Hospt. 30-9-16.

London
4-10-16
D.P. Dickson.

P.I.
10724
" " 24d

26th Australians

Hewitt Capt. T.C.

(K. July 27/'16 Details D. & B.)

Informant states that Capt. Hewitt was last seen in front of Pozieres, leading his men. He got on to the parapet of the 2nd German line, and was shot. Informant says that all the men were talking of his great bravery. Lt. Lloyd, 26th Australians, A. Coy., would be able to give a full and correct information.

Reference: Pte. G.H. Stradwick 4268,
26th Australians, A. Coy.,
Mersey Park Hospt., Ward B.,
Birkenhead.

Home address:
Mungallilu,
Queensland.

Oct. 6th 1916,
F. Lupton.

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A.I.F.
25th. Battalion.

HEWETT. Capt.
Thomas Cotgrave.

"Killed in Action 29.7.16".

No trace Germany.

Cert. by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.

London,
20.10.19.

B. P. I.

26th Batt.
A.I.F.,

HEWITT
Capt. T.C.
Details D. 13

"K. -29th July 1916."

Keating K.C. 1913 of C.Co. 26th A.I.F. told me that Capt. Hewitt was badly wounded in his dug-out by two bullets. He was advised to go back but refused. Then a shell came and blew his dug-out in and killed him. Keating was there at the time. This was at Pozieres.

Informant:- Pte H Kingston, No. 910
H.S. "Stad Antwerpen"
Calais,
13th October 1916.

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22.11.16.
26th Rtn A.I.S.

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The Secretary
African Branch British Red Cross
Society
London

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt
of your letter dated 6th inst.
and am only too pleased
to give you any information
regarding Cap T. W. Hewitt.

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of him //

I trust this man will
of some consequence to you
though I am afraid
it's nothing definite

Yours sincerely,

~~Capt Hewitt~~
K.H. 29/7/16
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B
A. Lloyd
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(5) P.I. (Lloyd)

16th Bn.

HEWITT, T.C.
Captain.

Killed in action 29/7/16.

"Sgt. Owen, 392 now in Wareham, England told me that he saw
Casualty killed by machine gun bullet, near the barbed wire of the enemy
on the 29th July in the morning at Pozieres/"

Informant:- Cpl. G. B. Whiteford,
No. 452, 26th Bn.

Private address
18 Summerset Street,
The Valley,
Brisbane.

Note:- Casualty was a brave officer. He fell leading
his men, and waiting for them to come on. He
was running in front of them with a strapel
in his hand cheering them on.

H.A.B.
5/7/17.

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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

December 13th

Lieut. Lloyd,
A. Coy. 26. Australian Infantry Battn.
B. E. F.

Dear Sir;

We have to thank you for two letters received to-day one of November 23rd. in answer to our enquiry for Capt. T.C. Hewitt, 26th. Battn. and of December 2nd. in answer to our enquiry for Sgt. A. Male 26th. Battn.

In reference to the latter, we thank you very much for the name of Pte Fellows as a Prisoner of War, and we have him on our list and are writing him to make enquiries about Pte. Male, in the hope of hearing something definite.

The information you have given us of Capt. Hewitt. will be also of assistance to us.

With renewed thanks.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary

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