

Reporting Potts
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1915



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Potts' Comrades - Section U-Z

WALLER - H [1478]

WALTERS - W

photo - Lance Corporal W Walters, Berks Yeomanry of Didcot Wounded [BC 24/9/15 p 4]

WALTERS - O [1806]

Trooper O Walters, Berks Yeomanry of Hungerford is a prisoner of war in the hands of the Turks and is being well treated. [BC 15/10/1915 p11]

WALTERS - W [1240]

WEBBER - F

Trooper F Webber, Berks Yeomanry, son of Mr J C Webber of Maidenhead, had died of pneumonia [BC 15/10/1915 p11]

WELLS - F J [2348]

[accompanied Potts to the investiture - see NC 17/12/1915]

WEST - James Roland [2365]

Trooper James Roland West, son of Mr and Mrs H J A West of Erleigh Road Reading and of the Berkshire Yeomanry has been wounded but his injuries are of a slight character. He is suffering from a jagged cut about half an inch long long which is only superficial. The piece of shrapnel which caused it made a ragged hole about two inches in diameter in his breeches, and went through his pocket and a handkerchief inside and made another hole similar to the first about about half an inch away in coming out. He had one lucky escape. A rifle bullet went clean through the leatherwork of some wire clipper he was carrying and smashed one part of them off making a hole in his tunic.

Writing to his mother on August 25th Trooper West says "Nearly everyone I meet who went through that Saturday afternoon had some narrow escape - one a bullet clean through his boot, another had two holes in his tunic where a bullet had entered, travelled along his back and came out without hurting him, whilst two others had their helmets knocked off without hurting them.

Everyone you know except Sergeant Long (ex Parkside cricketer) who went down under the shrapnel fire early on reached the hill in safety. I saw Eric Newey and Donald Crosbie there and everyone seemed merry and bright then.

Trooper West said that the lighter cases were put ashore whilst the others went on board the SS Arcadian, a troopship turned into a hospital boat and sailed probably for England. He and others went to Mudros which is a camp close to the harbour and were housed in large tents, about 16 or 20 together.

Trooper West was engaged at the Reading Education Office. He is a very promising young fellow and when he enlisted in October was studying to take his BA degree. He is 20 years of age and his father is the well known baker and

confectioner.

photo - Trooper J R West, Erleigh Road, Reading - wounded

WEST - Reginald Leyshon [1632]

Mrs William West of 122 Whitley Street Reading, whose son Trooper Reginald Leyshon West, Berks Yeomanry was reported wounded in last weeks issue, has heard, though not from her son himself, that he is now in hospital at Cairo.

photo - Trooper R L West, 122 Whitley Street Reading - wounded

[see Biggs]

WESTLAKE - F [2047]

WHEELER - Percy James [1770]

Trumpeter Percy James Wheeler of 29 Field Road Reading, fifth son of Mr Wheeler of that address is also officially reported as having been wounded. He is 19 years of age and has been associated with the Berkshire Yeomanry for about three years.

Trooper Philip James Wheeler of the Berkshire Yeomanry has died from wounds received in action on August 21st. He belonged to Reading and was one of four men lying in front of the Turkish trenches to whom a Windsor Corporal gave a drink of water after the charge. Two of the four are now dead. [BC 12/11/1915 p 15]

[see Jefferies]

WHITE - Bert

[see Lane]

WHITE - J J [2038]

WIGAN - J T [Major]

Major Wigan. who with Captain E Butler-Henderson was wounded subsequent to the great charge, received a wound just below the knee.[BC 1/10/15 p7]

[see Henderson, Hughes and Gooch]

WIGMORE - Albert [2039]

Mrs Wigmore who resides at 21 Albany Road Reading has been notified that her husband Trooper Albert Wigmore has been wounded. He was shot through the right thigh but in a letter to his wife he states that he does not think that the wound is serious. Trooper Wigmore was engaged at Messrs G R Jacksons Ltd and enlisted soon after the outbreak of war. He is a native of Reading.

WILLOUGHBY A T [2293]

News has been received by his parents at 58 Alpine Street Reading that Trooper A T Willoughby of the Berks Yeomanry was wounded on August 28th. Trooper Willoughby, prior to the war, was engaged at Messrs Fullers. He played right half for several seasons for Reading Amateurs and had a few games with Reading reserves. He was a personal friend of the late Sergt Len Hawes.[BC 24/9/15]

photo - Trooper A T Willoughby, Berks Yeomanry of 58 Alpine Street Reading wounded. Played for Reading Amateurs [BC 1/10/15 p5]

WILMOTT - D [1854]

photo - Trooper D Wilmott, Berks Yeomanry of Hungerford wounded [BC 24/9/15 p 4]

WINTER L C [1931]

WISEMAN - Bruce [2349]

WOODCOCK F [1062]

WOODFORD - A W [2056]

WOODS - J [2109]

WOOLDRIDGE - G [2496]

WRIGHT - F W [1753]

WROUGHTON - P M N [Capt]

Captain Wroughton is squire of Woolley Park, Wantage, Lieutenant H P Crossland and Second Lieutenant W H Crossland reside at Faringdon and Second Lieutenant T C Ainger is connected with the signallers.

Photo - Captain P M Wroughton of Woolley Park Wantage Berks Yeomanry who was with his regiment at the Dardanelles has been wounded and has been in hospital at Malta suffering from concussion

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