

Wallie Johnson

My indigenous soldier was 21 year old Private Wallie Johnson who had decided to fight for his country in World War 1. He was described by those who knew him as being of athletic build, about 5'11" in height and weighed between 11 and 12 stone. His complexion was very dark and he had dark curly hair with dark eyes.

On the 11 April 1917 at the age of 22, whilst serving with the 47th Battalion at the Somme on the Western Front, he was killed in action during the battle for Villers-Bretonneux.

However, his body was declared missing hence the numerous family letters and military records regarding him.

A number of witnesses confirmed that Wallie Johnson was killed in the trenches, but like the thousands of the other soldiers who had died in these bloody battles his body was never found.

Wallie never returned home.