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506 Sergeant Thomas Herbert Bentley

23rd Battalion



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23rd Battn.,
M.G.S.
A.I.F.

BENTLEY,
Sgt.T.H. 506.

"Off. reported died of wounds 22-6-16."

Died at 2nd. Cas. Clearing Station, France. Buried at Bailleul Cemetery, France.
Cert. by - A.I.F. Headquarters 19-9-16.

London,
20-9-16.

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A.I.F. 23rd. Bde. M.G.S. 306 Sgt. T.H. Bentley, [redacted].

D. of W. 19.6.16.

Bentley was admitted on the 19.6.16. at 1[illegible].30 p.m. suffering from gun shot wound of the head, right hip, compound fracture of right leg. His injuries were so severe that he only lived half an hour after admission. He died at 11 p.m. ~~xxxxxx~~. He was xx collapsed and quite unconscious when admitted and he never regained consciousness, It was impossible to get any message from him. I see by the book that his mother has been written to. Her address is Mrs. Demyss, 89 High Street, Ardersig, Inverness-shire.

I am exceedingly sorry not to be able to give you more information regarding him but he was so short a time here and so badly wounded that nothing whatever could be done for him, and there was no hope of recovery from the beginning. He was buried in the usual way in shroud and coffin and full active Service Military Honours at the last.

Informant: [illegible]. Mc-herson,
Sister in Charge
No. 2 Casualty Clearing Station,
B.E.F.

London
30.9.16.

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21st Septr., 1916.

The Adjutant,
2nd Casualty Clearing Station,
B.E.F., France.

Dear Sir,

Can you send us any details of the death and last moments of the following men:-

No. 306 Sgt. P.H. Bentley, 23rd Australian Inf. Btn., Machine Gun Section, who died of wounds at your station on June 22nd, 1916., and

No. 2878 Pte. Harold Foreman McLeod, Australian Machine Gun Coy., 4th Brigade, late 13th Battn., who died of gun shot wounds in the abdomen on July 2nd.

Their people in Sydney are enquiring for particulars, and we are anxious to reply to them. Any information you can give us with respect to the nature of the wounds of Sgt. Bentley, and any messages sent or wishes expressed by letters and the circumstances of their burial will be of some comfort to their relatives in their distress and sorrow. We should, therefore, be very grateful for your help in the matter.

Thanking you in anticipation,
I am, yours faithfully,

J.D.

France. 24.9.16

To the Secretary,
Wounded and Missing Inquiry Bureau,
Australian Branch B.R.C.S.

Dear Sir.

D of I Your letter of the 21.9.16
S re No 506 Sgt. T.H. Beasley, 23rd Australian Reg.
Bde. M.G.S. and No 2878 Pte. Harold Foreman
McLeod, Australian Machine Gun Coy. 4th Brigade.
late 13th Batt. received today.
S No 506 Sgt. T.H. Beasley was admitted on the
19.6.16 at 10.30 P.M. suffering from G. Shot wound of
the Head - R. hip - Compound fracture of R. leg. His injuries
were so severe that he only lived half an hour after
admission - he died at 11 P.M. 19.6.16. He was so collapsed
and quite unconscious when admitted & he never
regained consciousness that it was impossible
to get any message from him. I see by the book
that his mother has been notified & Her address
is Mrs. Demps, 59 High St. Aldershot, Hampshire.
D of I Re. Pte. H.F. McLeod. he was admitted on the 2.7.16
at 8.45 A.M. suffering from Gunshot wound of Stomach

and Lines. He was also in a very collapsed Condition on admission and he died at 2.30 PM the same day 2.7.16. His Sister has also been written to giving all details - Her address is Miss McLeod, Edward St. Kogarah, N.S.W. I am Exceedingly Sorry not to be able to give you more information regarding them, but they were so short a time here and so badly wounded that nothing whatever could be done for them and there was no hope of recovery. With Kind regards

Yours very truly
D. McPherson
Sister in Charge
No 2 Casualty Clearing Station
B.E.F.
France.

P.S. They were both buried in the usual way in Shrouds + Coffins and full Active Service Military Honours at the last.

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