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5338 Private
Michael Beverley

9th Battalion



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A.I.F. B.Coy. 9th Btn

BEVERLEY "M.MQ"
Michael 5338

"K. 20-3-18"

K/Action 27-3-18 - previously reported K/A 26-3-18 - no details given.
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 10-2-19.

P.I.

London
11-2-19

[redacted]

9th Btn.
A.I.F.

BEVERLEY
Michael 5338

"Killed in Action 26.3.18"

No trace Germany

Cert. by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.

London.
15.10.19.

P.I.

9th Bttn.A.I.F.
D.Cc. Ptn.15.

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M. 5336.

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9th Bttn.

O.S.W.
13.7.19.

London.
25.8.19.
J.E.A.

P.I.

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BEVERLEY, M.
5338

K. Mt act. 27/3/18

"Beverley went out on a raid at Spoilbank on 27th March 1918 and got wounded through the stomach. He was being carried in by another man, who, however, got wounded also. When this had happened the wounded man left Beverley out in No-Man's-Land. It was impossible for us to bury Beverley as the Germans came over the ground soon after wards in their March offensive."

Informant:- Sergt.Shepherd, 9th Btn.
Home address:- Cavendish Rd., Cooperville, S.Brisbane

E.G.Tilley
S.S.KAROA
12/5/19

[redacted]

9th Battn.

BEVERLEY, (M.M.)
M. 5338

K. 27/3/18

About 5ft 9ins, of stout build, hair beginning to show grey, heavy moustache, about 14 years of age, called "Mic" About seventeen of us were in a Pill Box at Spoilbank in Hessian Wood. A patrol had gone out the previous evening and several had been wounded. The next night Beverley and several others went out to bring the wounded in Beverley and another man were helping a wounded man along when Beverley was hit by a machine gun bullet in the stomach. An attempt was made to bring him and the other wounded in but they were surrounded by an enemy patrol and nothing further was heard of them. Beverley used to correspond with his sister in England and followed the practice of dating his correspondence three or four days ahead.

Sgt. Rosbrook, H.
3107, 9th Battn.
Private Address:-
Hickey Street,
TOOWOOMBA
Q'land

Sgt. E.A. Gill,
H.M.A.T."Suffolk"
12/5/19

E.A. Gill Sgt.

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Dr. Michael Beverly
The Shrubery
Scole, Norfolk.

Ed.

~~657 R.J.W. Rayton.~~
~~8 Bks.~~

5338 Michael Beverley
9 Bks.

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The Australian Red Cross Society
(B.R.C.S.)
WESTERN AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

WOUNDED AND MISSING ENQUIRY BUREAU.

Enquiry No. 7032

Date May 29-1918

Regimental Details of Soldier enquired about. No 870
Pte H. M. Harris,
4th M. G. Co (late 28th Bln.)

Details of Casualty. Wounded

Information wanted. Locality & Condition

Scole
Norfolk
Aug 31/19

Dr Michael Beverley begs to acknowledge
with many thanks Miss Lilian Whybrows
letter re his Son Pte Michael Beverley No
5-338 killed in action 26.3.18 — and would
be only too thankful to receive
any further information if
when obtained —

To General Ryan:

ac. 7-2-19

Hurstbourne

Feby 2/19

Dear Sir -

It is possible you may remember meeting my Daughter Mrs Cox of 63 Rutland Gate at dance afternoon social function in London - she wrote at the time to tell me of your kind promise to assist us - if at any time my son there are Melbourne Frank was wounded - unfortunately he was killed - Somehow there no need to take advantage of your kind offer - I am now venturing

to ask if it is possible to obtain any information as to where he was killed & buried? and if it is true as we have heard from one of his Australian Comrades that he was killed during a very brave action rescuing the wounded—

his Name was Michael Beverley— M.M— 5338— B. Company
Killed March 20th 1916 9th Battalion— 1st. Brigade
A.I.F.

Apologising for this tedious trouble I am Yours Faithfully—

(Dr) Michael Beverley—
Consulting Surgeon to the Norfolk
& Norwich Hospital— Norwich

August 29th,1919.

Dr.Michael Beverley,
The Shrubbery,
Scole,
Norfolk.

Dear Sir,

In answer to your letter enquiring for 5338.Pte.Michael Beverley,M.M.B.Coy.9th Bn. A.I.F. Killed in Action 26.3.18.

We beg to inform you that we are making every effort to get information of the death and burial of your Son. His name is on a special list sent out to our War Representative, who is attached to the British Mission in Germany, who is investigating all enquiries for missing men, and the death and burial of those that have not yet been registered.

We will forward on to you any information we may receive as soon as possible.

With sincere sympathy,

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) PH

SECRETARY.

September 5th 1919.

Dr.Michael Beverley,
The Shrubbery,
Soble, Norfolk.

Dear Sir,

With further ferernense to your enquiry for your son, 5338 Pte Michael Beverley,M.M. 9th Bttn,A.I.F. we beg to inform you of an unofficial report which we have now received about him from one of the men in his unit who has returned to Australia.

Sgt Shepherd stated that your son went out in a raid at SPOIL-BANK on March 27th 1918 and was wounded in the abdomen. He was being carried in by another man who however got wounded also. Our informant added that it was impossible to bury Pte Beverley as the Germans came over thr ground very shortly afterwards.

We much regret the distressing nature of this report and will immediately advise youmif we receive any particulars of your son's burial from our representative in Germany.

Yours faithfully.

(MISS.) D.S

SECRETARY.