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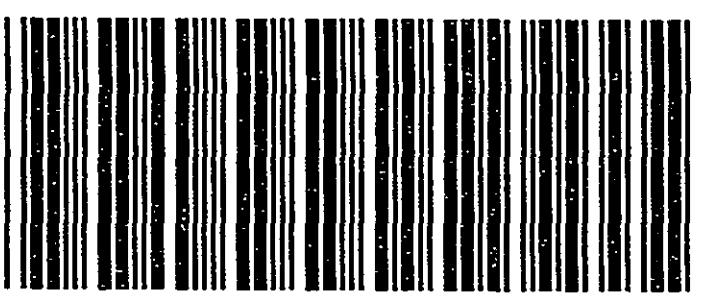
3357 Private
Eric D'Arcy Bruun

60th Battalion



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60th Batt: Brunn, E. D'Arcy, 3357.

K. 25/4/18.

I saw him killed by M.G. Bullet, we were just to the left of Villers Bretonneux. He died instantaneously. I do not know where he is buried.

60th Batt: Vaughan, A.S.Pte. 2987.

16 A. Dartford. 19/6/18.

R.D.B.

P.1

60th A.I.F. Brunn. E.D'Arcy. 3357

(K. Apr. 25/18.)
Dets. D/B.

"Lt. Simpson an about 5 man were instructed to collect prisoners after we had made an attack in the early morning but a machine gun opened fire on them and Brunn lay down to escape bullets but was shot through the head. Ptes. Osborne, V.Kay and Sgt.Acton who were with him at the time and were wounded could no doubt give further particulars."

Eyewitness:

Description:

Informant: Cpl. O.V. Mildwater. 1940.
60th A.I.F.
Beaufort Hospital, Bristol.

Home address:
Hoxton Park;
20.6.18. Liverpool. N.S.W.
F.Gardiner.

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22nd June 1918.

A.I.F. 60.

Brunn E. D'Arcy 3357.

K. 25th April 1918. Det D/B.

I went out to bring in some German M.G. and to see if there were any wounded about at Villers Bretonneux on the left of the Village on the 27th April. I saw Brunn lying dead on the ground with a bullet wound. I recognized him. We had to leave the dead as we were being relieved that night by the 58th Battn. Brunn was about 5 feet 10, dark, well built, of an enquiring mind. He came over with the 9th reinforcement on the 'Port Melbourne' and came to France on the 8th or 9th January.

Inf:- L/Cpl C. Munns No. 2727.
Australian Conv. Depot.
Rouelles.

WHB.

60th Battn.C.Coy.X2l.
A.I.F.

BRUUN.
E.D'Arcy. 3357.

"Killed in Action" 25-4-18.

At Villers Bretscneux at Midnight - was on patrol when shot by sniper. Body was brought in next day and buried just at Chalk Cliff near Villers Bretscneux. Cross erected. Know nothing of Private effects. I have written full particulars to his wife who lives at Woodend - Victoria. Knew his number - he used to carry my address and I carried his.

Informant:- Pte.A.E.Rainman.5094.
60th Battn.C.Coy.X2l.
WEYMOUTH.

A.D.G.
London.
25-6-18.
J.E.A.

P I.

A.I.F. 60th Btn

BRUUN
Eric D'Arcy (Mr)
3357(Pte)

"WHEREABOUTS"

Killed 25-4-18
ert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 1-6-18.

London
4-6-18

P.I.

A.I.F. 60th Bn

BRUUN
Eric D'Arcy 3357(HQ)

"H/A. 25-4-18"

No trace Germany
Cert. by Capt. Mills 10-10-18.

London
22-10-18

D.I.

Avondale, Boreham Rd.
Warminster. Wilts.
25th May.

P.C. 5/18

Dear Miss Deakin,

Would it be possible for you to find out any particulars regarding my brother 3357a Pte. Eric Bruun (BRUUN) C. Coy. 60th Battalion A.I.F.

It is over a month since I heard from him, & am naturally very anxious. If you are not able to do so, would you kindly let me know to whom I could apply for news of him.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely
Alice Musgrave.

27th June, 1918.

Mrs. A. Musgrove,
Avondale,
Boreham Road,
Warminster.

Dear Madam,

In answer to your enquiry about 3357a Pte. Eric D'Arcy Bruun, 60th Infantry Batt. A.I.F. we very deeply regret to have to inform you that he is officially reported to have been killed on April 25th. We have received an unofficial report from 5094 Pte. A.E. Rainman of the same unit, recently at the 2nd Command Depot, Weymouth, who stated that your brother was out on patrol at Midnight at Villers Brettoneaux, when he was shot by a sniper. His body was brought in next day and buried at Chalk Cliff, near Villers Brettoneux and a cross was erected over the grave. Pte. Rainman adds that he has written all particulars to your sister-in-law in Victoria. We have received another unofficial report from 2987 Pte. A. S. Vaughan of the same unit, lately at the 3rd Australian Aux. Hospital Dartford who stated that he saw your brother killed instantaneously by a machine gun bullet, just to the left of Villers Brettoneaux, but can say nothing as to his burial.

We are making enquiries for further particulars and will at once forward you any information we obtain.

With sincere sympathy in your sorrow, and regret at having to send you such sad news.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.

F. S. G.

Miss A. Musgrove,
Avondale,
Boreham Road,
Warminster.

5th June 1918.

Dear Madam,

In answer to your enquiry about 3367 Pte. Eric D'Arcy Brown, 60th Battalion., A.I.F., we deeply regret to have to inform you that he is officially reported to have been killed in action on April 25th 1918. No further particulars have been received, but we will make further enquiries for details of his death and burial, and will at once send you any information we may obtain.

With much regret at having to send you such sad news, and with sincere sympathy,

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.

F. S. Q.

Mrs. A. Musgrove,
Avondale, Boreham,
WARMINSTER.

July 5th, 1918.

Dear Madam,

We regret to tell you we have received further unofficial evidence of the death of your brother -

3357 Pte. ERIC D'ARCY BRUNN. 60th Battalion, A.I.F.

from a man in his unit.

2727 L/Cpl. C. Munne who when interviewed in an Australian Convalescent Depot, certified as follows:- "I went out to bring in some German machine guns and to see if there were any wounded about at Villers Bretonneux on the left of the Village on the 27th April. I saw Brunn lying dead on the ground with a bullet wound. I recognised him. We had to leave the dead as we were being relieved that night by the 58th Bttn, Brunn was about 5'10", dark, well built, off an enquiring mind. He came over with the 9th Reinforcements on the "Port Melbourne" and came to France on the 8th or 9th January."

We regret very much to send you such painful information but we feel it may help to supplement the reports we have already sent you.

With a renewal of our sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(MISS) B. McC

SECRETARY.

Mrs. A. Musgrave,
Avondale,
Boreham Road,
Warminster,
Wilts.

5th July 1918

Dear Madam,

With reference to your enquiry concerning your brother W. 3357 Pte Eric D'Arcy Bruun, 60th Battalion, A.I.F., we beg to inform you that we have received the following unofficial report from No. 1940 Cpl. C. V. Mildwater, 60th Battalion, now in Beaufort Hospital, Bristol. He states:- "Lieut. Simpson and about five men were instructed to collect prisoners, after we had made an attack in the early morning, but a machine gun opened fire on them, and Bruun lay down to escape the bullets, but was shot through the head".

We have now concluded our enquiries, but should any further information come to hand, it will be forwarded to you immediately.

Assuring you of our sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) K

Secretary.

Avondale, Boreham Rd.
Warminster. Wilts.
6th June.

Miss Vera Deakin.

Dear Madam,

I received your letter containing the news of my brother's death this morning, and should be so grateful to you, if you could possibly let me have details of his death & burial. He has a wife and three children in Australia, & it would be a comfort to them if I could forward out to them any particulars you could obtain. With many

thanks for your kind sympathy

Yours faithfully

(Mrs.) Alice Musgrave.

(Pte Eric d'Arcy Brunn,
No. 3357
C. Coy.
60th Battalion
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