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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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2571 Private
George Bickley

58th Battalion



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58th Battn.
A.I.F.

BICKLEY.
G.2571.

"DIED 14.10.17."

I saw him blown to bits in a trench at the 2nd stunt at Ypres, we buried him on the spot on Anzac Ridge, From Gippsland, Stout bloke, black moustache, A bouzer bloke.,

Informant;- E. Dennetty, 2637.
58th Battn.
War chest.,

W Alison,

London.
16.2.18.

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58th Battn.
A.I.F.

BICKLEY,
G. 2571

"Died 14.10.17."

Bickley was in XIII Pltn, and was killed outright, being hit in the head by a shell at Little Wood Ypres. He was right alongside me. We buried him where he fell next morning and erected a cross which was blown down by shell shortly after wards. I can't say if it was re erected. I helped to bury him, one of those who helped bury him was H.W. Frisk since killed.

Informant:- Sgt.A.J.Tieman,
58th Batln, D.Coy, XIV
Hut 20. Westhem.

T.A.Read.
London.
23.2.18.

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58th Btn.

BICKLEY, G.
Pte. 2571.

Killed in action 14/10/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a short man about 5 ft. 4 ins. well built, dark complexion, known as "George". Casualty was holding the front line at Zonnebeke. He was talking to me at the time when an 18 pounder exploded on the top of the trench killing Casualty instantly and burying myself. His chief wounds were at the back of the head. He was buried just near where he fell on the top of the trench. He was afterwards blown up again by one of the German shells. I was an eye-witness."

Informant:- G. Birk,
No. 557. 58th Btn.

Private address:-
Hurtoa, Vic.

T.C.F.
31/5/18.

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58th Btn.

BICKLEY, G.
Pte. 2571

Killed in action 14/10/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a tall man, well built, medium complexion, about 35 years of age. Casualty was in the front line trench at Ypres holding the line. A "dud" shell exploded killing Casualty instantly. I did not see Casualty killed, but I saw his body five minutes after his death. He was very severely wounded in the head. I do not know if he was ever buried."

Informant:- Pte. S. Lay,
No. 3812, 58th Btn.

Private address:-
Traralgon.

T.C.F.
2/8/18.

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58th Btn.

BICKLEY, G.
Pte. 2571

K. in act. 14/10/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a short man, well built, dark complexion, about 30 years of age, known as "George". Casualty was in support lines at Ypres. An H.E. shell exploded near Casualty killing him instantly. I was 100 yds. away at the time the shell exploded and he was buried by Pte. Fish who has since been killed, just near where he fell."

Informant:- Pte. H. Ridgewell,
No. 2028, 8th Btn.

Private address:-
"Elton"
Bell Street,
Preston.

T.C.F.
20/12/18.

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58th Btn.

BICKLEY, G.
Pte. 2571.

K. in act. 14/10/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a short man, 5 ft. 6 ins. dark complexion, about 28 years of age. Casualty was in the front line, Passchendaele, when a shell burst exploded alongside a piece penetrating his head killing him instantly. I was about 20 yds. away at the time. He was buried where he fell. I was Sergeant of his platoon."

Informant:- Sgt. P. W. Eales,
No. 1677, 58th Btn.

Private address:-
Benalla.

N.A.T.
14/3/19.

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58th Btn.

BICKLEY, G.
Pte. 2871.

K. in act. 14/10/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a stout man about 5 ft. 5 ins. dark complexion, about 26 years of age, known as "George". Casualty was in the advance at Passchendale when an H.E. shell landed alongside killing him instantly. A piece of shell split his steel helmet and entered his head. He was buried at Tokio Ridge and there was no cross erected at time of my departure."

Informant:- Pte. W. S. Patterson,
No. 2760, 58th Btn.

Private address:-
C/o Mr. E. V. Richard,
Burgundy Street,
Heidelberg.

H.A.T.
4/4/19.

M. O'Sullivan

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