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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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2455 Driver
Leslie Gordon Bird

8th Field Artillery Brigade



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3rd DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY. BIRD

8th late 1st Brigade. DRIVER L.G. 2455

"DIED OF WOUNDS. 25.5.17."

Informant described Bird as about 5 feet 8 inches high, slight build, light hair, aged about 27/8. He came from Woollahra, and was a taxi driver.

Informant states that Bird was Batman to the Battery Commander and that they both belonged to the 108th Howitzer Battery. On 25.5.17 the Battery was at Ploegsteert Village in action. A number of men in the Battery, including Informant and Bird, were in a house and saw a shell land some distance away. They were told to put on their gas masks and tin hats, and proceeded upstairs to get them. On returning downstairs a shell burst at the front door, and a piece of shrapnel came through an inner party wall and struck Bird. Informant caught him as he was falling downstairs and helped to carry him into a cemetery at the back. He was unconscious when hit, and died on reaching a Dressing Station known as Charing Cross. He was buried at Nieppe Military Cemetery near the Railway on the road to Steenwerke. His personal effects were left with Major Sandford.

Informant added that Bird was his pal while he was in the Battery and was well liked by his mates.

INFORMANT;- Gunner L.J. Hutchinson, 19086,
108th Howitzer Battery, 3rd Divisional Artillery,
Home address;- 20 Donnelly Street, BALMAIN.

W.E.G.
No.4 Aust.General Hospital RANDWICK. SYDNEY BUREAU.
21.3.18.

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2nd Australian Casualty
Clearing Station

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2455 Pte L.G. Bird 8th Brigade
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"Died of wds 25-6-17"

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Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 4-7-17.

London
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6th A. F. A.

Bird.
Pte. L. G. 1456.

"Died of Wounds".

Pte. L. G. Bird was admitted to this Station on 23.6.17, suffering from G.S.W. Head and died here on 25.6.17. His grave is in the Military Cemetery at Trois Arbres.

Letter from:-
The O.C.
2nd Aust. C. C. Station.
B. E. F. 10.7.17.

London.
19.7.17.