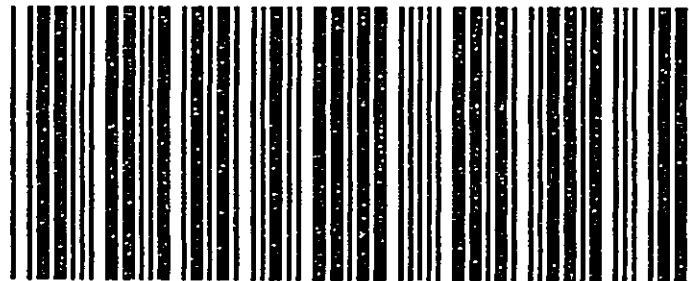


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4721 Private  
Cyril Augustus  
Demasson

28th Battalion



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A.I.F. 26th Bn

DELIASSON  
C.A. 4721

"Died"

Died of wounds 24-5-18 - 61st C.C.S. - G.S.W. head, fractured skull  
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 21-8-18.

London  
21-8-18

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28 Batt. A.I.F.

Demasson.C.A. Pte. No.4721.

B. Coy.

D/W May. 24th 1918.

I saw him wounded whilst on fatigue duty outside Merricourt. He was shot through the head by a machine-gun bullet and died on his way to the dressing station. He was unconscious up to time of death which was about 11p.m.  
He was buried at first aid post and a cross erected to his memory.

Description. Height. 5-7.Slight Build. Age 22

Witness. Pte. Saville A.W. No. 1588. B.Coy. 28 Batt.

Taken at  
No.4 C.D. Hurdcott.  
2-9-18  
A.L.P.

C.Brown  
No. 4. Command Depot.  
Hurdcott.

RP

A. I. F. 28th Bn.

DEMASSON, C. A. 4721.

D/W. May 24/18. Det. D/B.

I was then Act. C-S-M, of B. Coy. and knew Demasson was wounded and died of wounds at the C.C.S. at Morlancourt. He was buried at Franvillers, on the Amiens-Albert Road. I do not know how he was wounded, but Pte. T. A. Cook, a chum of his who is now with the Battn, could give full particulars as I believe he made enquiries. Demasson and Cook were both in Plat V and in the same Sect. The O.C. of the Battn. could also give information.

Reference: Sergt. B. S. Freeman, 1887. B. Coy.

No. 11 Stationary, Rouen, 9.9.18.

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N.A.

Written Cook  
19.9.18

A. I. F. 28th Bn.

DEMASSON, C. A. 4721.

D/W. May 24/18. Det. D/B.

He was in my Coy. (B) and in V Plat. He was sniped near Buire. I did not see him myself but I asked several S/Bs of B. Coy. and was told how he was killed. I do not know who told me, but Pte. Cook was a great friend of his and he told me Demasson had died at the D/S and would know other details. Cook also said he had written to Demasson's people about him. Demasson was a short and nuggety fellow.

Reference: L/Cpl. F. J. Asplin, 5311, B. VIII.

No. 11 Stationary, Rouen, 13.9.18.

ABHH.

28th Battn.  
A.I.F.

DEMASSON.  
C.A. 4721.Pte.

"Died of Wounds 24-5-18"

I remember that the above named was killed by a sniper, I think, Ville-sur-Ancre on May 24th 1918. Corporal Davies, 28th A.I.F. B.Coy can give all details. He is still with the Coy in France. The ground was held.

Eye-Witness:- Hc.

Description:- 5ft 8. medium complexion, clean shaven, and about 20 years.

Home address:-

Capel.  
W.Australia.

Informant:- Summers, Ernest John. 4540.Pte.

m 28th Battn.A.I.F. B.Co.  
Christchurch Red Cross Hpl.  
(Intelligent Etc)

Fred.J.Lord.  
London.  
17-9-18.  
S.A.

P.

28th Battn.  
A.I.F.

DEMASSON  
C.A. 4721

"Died of Wounds 24-5-18"

Re Pte. Demasson was admitted to this C.C.S. on 24-5-18 suffering from bullet wound of the head - fractured skull. His condition on admission was most grave, and he died at 9 a.m. shortly after the time of admission. He was unconscious of his condition, passed away quite peacefully, and without leaving message. The burial took place in the local Military Cemetery on the following day.

Letter from:- The O.C.,  
No. 61 C.C.S.,  
9-9-18

London  
18-9-18  
N.T.

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28th Battn.  
A.I.F.

C.A. DEMASSON.  
4781.

"Died of Wounds 24-5-18"

At Villers-sur-ancres. He was hit in head by a sniper. We were digging in a trench. I was alongside him at the time. He was not conscious when he was taken to D/S. I knew him well. We were schoolmates. Came from Australia together. Wrote his people. I saw his grave in Vignacourt Cemetery. Grass up etc.

Informant:- Cook.4698.

D.P.Dickson.  
London.  
26-9-18.  
H.G.

W.16.HAREFIELD.

P.

28th Batta.

A. I. F.

DEMARSON.

C.A. 4721.

"Died of Wounds 24.6.18."

I was right alongside him on a working party digging communication trenches at Villiers-sur-Ancre at about 11 a.m. on May 23rd, 1918, when he was hit through the top of the forehead by a sniper. The stretcher Bearers took him away unconscious and I heard that he died the next day but I don't know where. He was a Private in B Co. His initials were C.A. and number 4721. He was tall, fair, about 23 and the only Demarson in the Company. He came with the 12th reinforcement and I knew him well.

Informant:- Cpl. F Hynes, 4652.

28th Batta. B Co. VIII

platoon. A. I. F.

South African Mil.

Hospital

Richmond Park.

A. G. Campbell.

London.

20.9.18.

H. G.

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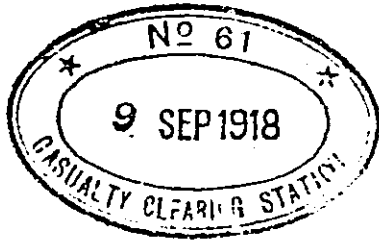
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C. A. Demasson  
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No 61 Casualty Clearing Station.

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. A. M. D.", written over a horizontal line.

..... Lt.-Col. R. A. M. D.  
Comdr. No. 61 Casualty Clearing Station

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M J