

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
1DRL/0428

2809 Trooper
Douglas Curran

2nd Light Horse Machine Gun
Squadron



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85D.A.M.G.S.

(D. 23.4.18.)

CURRAN

D. 2899

Informant says:- "We were on a demonstration just as across the Waddy River. He was batman to our Troop Officer, and was leading his Horse and a spare pack. We had been shelled for some time, when a shell burst near him and a small piece of high explosive hit him in the lower part of the small of the back. He walked on for a bit and then lay down. I was talking to him and he said he could feel the piece of shell in his stomach. We left a man with him as we had to go on. That afternoon he was taken to Jericho in an ambulance. He went to the field Hospital and they operated on him that night. He died next day at 11 o'clock. He was buried that afternoon in the cemetery near Jericho.

He was a small man, medium colour, about 19 or 20. Came from Gungah, N.S.W. Was very much liked."

Informant:- Tpr. Roper 2488
2nd.A.M.G.S., A.I.F.

14th.A.G.Hospital,
PORT SAID. 8.8.18.

Mrs. A. Hayward

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CURRAN

Informant says:- "Curran had been my friend for a year before his death. He is spoken of with great affection by officers and men, and is called a 'great little chap' or 'good old Curran' etc. He was wounded on the morning of 19.4.18, near Shoraniyah; a piece of shell entered his back near right side of waist. Was in great pain until Captain Withardine gave him an anaesthetic by hypodermic. His spine cordless and failed to be until he died. He was taken to the field Hospital at Jericho. He died while they were operating, the day after he was wounded. He is buried in the Jericho cemetery about a mile east of Jericho. The service was conducted by Major Bullen, R.E. in the presence of the 8th.A.M.G.S. I have known him for some time and I know him very well.

In the accompanying photo, the larger one is of him and the smaller one by a friend.

Informant:- Med. Officer
2nd.A.M.G.S., A.I.F.

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K.M.H. 21.8.18.

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