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4010 Private Richard Davis

23rd Battalion



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29th October. 1917.

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K/A 3. 5. 17.

I knew him well; he was in my Flatoon; his initial is as stated, but I do not know the number. He came from Kelhourne, and worked in the fruit merket. I was told by Corpl. Meedon, F., of D.Co., XV. iltn., with the Battalian when I last, that he saw blok Devie dead at Bullecourt on 3rd May, 1917 in "No man's land". I did not hear snything further.

Informant: Pt. Beynolds, 2.%. 4551
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Australian Camp, Rouelles.

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Killed in action 3-5-17 No report of burial Cert. by A.I.F. Hord 26-6-17 & 30-1-18.

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7322 Pte.F.H.Stott.
7th Battalion, A.I.F.,
Australian Base A.P.O.S.

February 7th, 1918.

Re 4010 RICHARD DAVIS, 23rd Battalion, A.I.F.

Dear Sir.

We regret to inform you that the above soldier who was previously reported Hissing; is now reported Killed in Action on 3.5.17.

We are making further enquiries in the hope of learning details of his death and will send you any information that we receive.

Regretting the distressing character of this news.
Yours faithfully.

LAW

SECRETARY.

7322. Pte. F. H. Stott, 29/7th Battalion A.I.F. Australian Base, A.P.O.s/12 B. E. F. - France

17.11.17

Dear Sir.

With reference to your inquiry for:-

4014. Pte Richard Davis, 23rd Battalion A.I.F.

who is officially reported killed in action on 3.5.17. We are forwarding an unofficial report we have just received concerning him. Informant 4551. Ptc. P. W. Reynolds. states:- "I knew himwell, he was in my platoon, He came from Melbourne, and worked in the fruit market. I was told by Cpl F. Weedon, of D. Coy. that he saw Dick Davisdead at Bullecourt on 3.5.17. in No Mam's Land. I did not hear anything further" We have written to

Opl Weedon, for further particulars and will advise you as soon as soon as we hear from him. Assuring you that we are doing all in our power to obtain news of Pte Davis death and burial.

Yours faithfully.

SECRETARY,

LAW