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**57 Sergeant
Roy Besant Davis**

35th Battalion



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35th. Battn:

K. 8/8/18.

Davis, R.B. 57.

I saw Roy Davis (A.Coy:) just after he had been killed by shell while we were advancing between Morlancourt and Villers Bretonneux. He was buried by the Battn: pioneers but I do not know where.

35th. Battn:

Flores, F. Pte. 6545.

A. 29. Dartford. 31/10/18.

R.D.B.

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J.A.

A.I.F. 35.

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DAVIS, R.D. 57.

K. Aug. 8th 1918.

On Aug. 8th at Acreche Wood, to the right of Hamel, we had a Sergeant of this name killed, one of his initials was R. and we used to call him Rey, and I think it may be the same that you are enquiring about. I did not see the casualty but have seen the grave marked with a little cross on the edge of the wood. It was a new burial ground but others are buried there. The Sgt I refer to was an original man, about 5ft 8, broad build, dark, hair, brown, eyes, single, and should say about 25.

Inf: Pte. D. Crooks. 45. A Co
Billets,
BOULOGNE. 21.10.18.

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A.I.F. 35th Battn.

DAVIS
57.R.B. Pte.

"Killed 8.18.18"

I was with a party who found Davis' body on the ridge in front of Hammel on the morning of the 8th. He was killed by a shell and judging by his appearance he must have died instantly. We buried him where he fell. His bayonet and tin hat with a card attached, were placed there to mark his grave.

Informant:- 113, J. Hcdson,
35th Battalion,

R.P.T.
London
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A.I.F. 35th Bttn.

DAVIS.
Roy Besant. 57.

Killed in Action. 8.8.18.

Re-buried Villers Bretonneux Military Cemetery 62D.O.17.c.4.3.
Plot 20, Row F, Grave 3.

Cert by Captain Spedding's List. 15.8.19. Sheet 174.

London.
7.10.19.

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35th Battalion, A.I.F.
"A" Company.

DAVIS R.B. Pte., No. 57.

"Killed. 8/8/18."

Roy Davis came from Cessnock. He went away with me in the S.S. "Benalla" on the 1st May, 1916. I knew him well. He was about 5'6" in height, very dark; he wore a moustache. He was killed instantly at Hamel on 8th August, 1918, by a shell. I saw him after he had been killed. I think he was a Sergeant when he was killed.

He was a good chap.

Informant - Corporal C.E. Wahlman, No. 247,
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