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6730 Private
Douglas Donoghue

12th Battalion



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DONOGHUE, D. 6730

K. 6/10. 4. 1917 Det D/S

I knew Pt. Douglas Donoghue, I think in B. Company. He came from Queenstown, Tasmania, and was a labourer or miner. He was at Lagnicourt about April 6th, 1917. Pt. H.O. Bird of the 12th Batt., B.Co., told me that he had seen Donoghue buried out in the open. Bird is with his unit. Padre Capt. W.K. Douglas will also be able to locate the grave.

Informant: Pt. C.K. Douglas 4778
12th Australians, B.Co., VI.Pltn.
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

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K. 6/10.4.17.

DONOGHUE D. 6730.

Andrews C.L. 6798.

I helped to bury their bodies on 10th.April in a shell hole which was made by the shell that killed them, in the yard belonging to an old Chateau at Morchies, near Lagnicourt. The shell blew them and a number of other men up while we were having breakfast on Easter Sunday morning in the Chateau yard. I saw their dead bodies. We buried them next day on the spot where they were killed. Donoghue came from Zeehan or Queenstown, Tasmania, a very short, thick set man, aged 20-22, dark complexion. He belonged to XVI. D.Co.

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Reference: Pte. C.E. Wolford. 6795. A. Co.
26 Gen.Rpl.

Staples.
13.9.17.

12th A.I.F. Donoghue, Pte.D. 6730

(K. Ap. 6-10/17)

"On Easter Sunday morning we had retunred from being out all night on patrol and about 7.a.m. were having our breakfast behind the walls of a ruined chateau at Marchies about 7 kilometres beyond Fremicourt on the Somme when a shell exploded amongst us killing 4 or 5 and wounding about the same number. Donoghue was killed instantaneously. I was a stretcher bearer and helped to bury him within the walls in a grave with two others. I put up a wooden cross with the name of Donoghue, Andrews and McRinge. I knew him well we had been together ever since we sailed from Melbourne in the Palmero on Sept. 30. 1916 and were in the same Coy. and Pltn. D.XVI. He came from Queenstown. Tasmania.

Eye-witness: Yes.

Description: Short, thick set and very dark. We called him "Dug"

Informant:- Pte. C.E.Woodford. 6795
12th A.I.F. D.Co. XVI
Southall Auxiliary Military Hospital.

Home address: Richmond. Tasmania.

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12th BATT. A.I.F. DONOGHUE. D. 6730.

K.April 6-10th.1917.

He was in D.Coy in which I was then a gunner and I had worked with him in Queenstown, Tasmania. He was killed at Morchies the day before we attacked, by the same shell which killed another man, Andrews. It would be about Easter Sunday. There was very heavy shell fire that day. There were a lot of ruined buildings about and these two were sheltering behind a wall. I was near to them. They were just about to get their rations when a shell came through the wall and killed both of them. J.L.

Ref ---Pte V.Lacey. 6786. Aq.
No 2 Can. Gen. Hospital.

NOTE the man referred to, Andrews, 6706, has been on our lists and cancelled.

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12th Btn.

DONOGHUE, D.
Pte. No. 6730

Killed in action 6-10/4/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was in B. Coy. He was killed in a dugout by H.E. shell 5.9 at Bourseis 6 miles east of Bapaume, together with 10 others, according to Lieut. R.H. Harrison who was killed next day."

Informant:- Lieut. J. Webster
12th Battalion.

Private address
143 George Street,
Launceston,
Tasmania.

H.A.B.
24/10/17.

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12th Btn.

DONOGHUE, D.
Pte. No. 6730

Killed in action 6-10/4/17.

"Casualty was killed on the 8th April, 1917 at Marcoing Wood by H.E. shell. I was his platoon Sgt. I took his disc and pay book and effects and handed them into the C.S.M."

Informant:- Sgt. B. McGlinchey,
No. 227 12th Btn.

Private address
101 Carrington Street,
Adelaide.

H.A.B.
25/10/17.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

12th Btn.

DONOGHUE, D.
Pte. No. 6730.

"Killed in action 6-10/4/17."

"I saw Casualty killed in a dug-out together with Andrews about 6th April, 1917, at Morchies whilst at mess. Casualty was killed by a whizz-bang."

Informant:- C. Rainbird,
No. 6781, 12th Btn.

Private address:-
Rly. Stn. Macquarie Plains,
Tasmania.

H.A.B.
26/11/17.

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