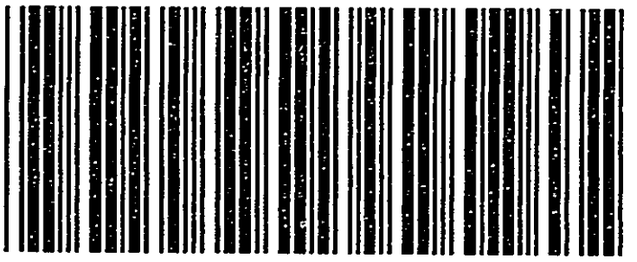
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2125 Lance Corporal Vincent Dudley Dacey

9th Battalion



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A.I.F. 9. DACEY, D.V. 2125.

M. Sept 20th 1917.

I saw him killed instantly by a shell soon after we had gone over the top during the attack in the early morning at Polygon Wood. We took the objective and held it but I do not know if his body was recovered. He was a L/Cpl. in C.X.

Inf: W.J.Black. 7202. C.XI.
No. 7 C.C.
BOULOGNE. 4.12.17.

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ORIGINAL STATEMENT SOHELOW 1926/2/1

C O P Y

Statement made by No.7802 Pte Black W.J. 9th Battn.

re No.2126 Pte Dacey V.D. 9th Battn.
Missing 20.9.17.

No.2126 Private Dacey V.D. of the 9th Battalion was killed by shell fire on 20.9.17. I am certain of this as I was close by at the time and actually saw it happen.

SB

Dated at Sutton Veny this 6th day of February 1918.

(Sgd) W.J. Black.

Statement made and signed before me

(Sgd) R. Dooley.

9th Battn. C.Coy.
A.I.F.

Dacey.
V.D. 2125
(& 4 others, for full list of
names see E.H.Allen's report

"Missing 20.9.17"

Refer to Cpl.W.Bruce 9th Battn. C.Coy. who is now in France, and can will give full particulars of all these men.

Witness:-
Cpl.H.C.Black 4144
9th Battn. C.Coy. 10th Pltn.
3rd A.A.Hospital.
Dartford.

W.Oman.

London.
4.1.18.

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Note Written Cpl.Bruce 20.12.17.

9th Battn.
A.I.F.

DACEY,
V.D. 2125

"Missing 20.9.17."

I was told that Dacey was killed, but I do not know when or where. My informant was Pte.W.Black, C.Coy, XI Pltn, who is now on his way to Australia.

Eye-witness:- No.

Description:-

Informant:- Pte.J.C. Moore, 7100,
9th Battn, C.Coy,
King George's Hospital,
Stamford Street.

P.C. Pany.
13.2.18.

London.
16.2.18.

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B.

9th Battn.
A.I.F.

Decey.
V.D. 2125

"Missing 20.9.17"

Decey was in A.Coy. and attached to H.Qrs. and was batman to Capt. Brennan I know him well. I saw him at H.Qrs. with the Battalion about middle of Nov.last we were then resting near Semer.

Informant:- E.T.White 4912
9th Battn. A.Coy.
Hut 17 Wentham.

W.A.Rand

London.
813.18.

S.
B.

Note Written Capt.Brennan 8.3.18.

ORIGINAL STATEMENT ECHELON. 1926/2/1.

C O P Y

Statement made by No.4912 Pte White E.T. 9th Battn.

re No.2125 L/Cpl Dacey V.D. 9th Battn,
Missing 20.9.17.

I know nothing of L/Cpl Dacey V.D. 9th Battalion.

4 S B

Dated at Monte Video this 29th day of March 1918.

(SGD) E.T. White.

Statement made and signed before me

(SGD) H.E. PEARCE. Capt. O.C. 4 Coy.

ORIGINAL STATEMENT ECHELON 1926/2/1

C O P Y

Statement made byNo.Captain Brennan R.G. 9th Battn.

re No.2125 L/Cpl Dacey V.D. 9th Btn.
Missing 20.9.17.

I cannot give anyinformation regarding this man. There has been some mistake in a name of D'Archy who was my batman.

4 copies S B

Dated at Sutton Veny this 29th day of March 1916.

(SGD) R. Brennan.
Capt.

Statement made and signed before me

(SGD) S. Killenward. Lieut.

9th Battn.
A.I.F.

Dacey.
V.D. 2125

"Missing 20.9.17"

He was a L/Cpl. in C.Coy. X Pltn. and was killed at about 8.a.m. on Sept.20th during our attack at Polygon Wood and I was afterwards told by his mates that he had died. Pte.Nelson of C.Coy. X was a great mate of his and would have full particulars if it is the right man, but I don't remember his number. The one I knew came, I believe, from Toowoomba, was thin, slight and of medium height and was the only Dacey in the Coy.

Informant:- Pte.C.R.Miller 1690
9th Battn. A.I.F.C.Coy. X Pltn.
(Formerly IX)
Dartford.

A.G.Campbell.

London.
12.4.18.

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Note Written to Pte.Nelson 12.4.18 B.

9th Battn.
A.I.F.

Dacey.
V.D. 2125

"Missing 20.9.17"

re 2125 Pte.Dacey. I am sorry I cannot give you any information about him as I do not know anyone of that name. I am writing to France to-day and will find out for you and let you know as soon as possible.

Letter from:- Capt.Ralph Brenan
Officers Mess,
1st Training Btn.A.I.F.
Sutton Veny.
20.3.18.

London.
13.4.18.

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B.

9th Btt
A.I.F.

DACEY,
V.D. 2125

"MISSING"

Killed in Action 20.9.17. Previously reported Missing.
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs 18.4.18.

London.
19.4.18.

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Q.

Havre

19th August 1918.

Australians. 9.

Dacey
Enucy V.D. 2125.

K. 20th Septr 1917. Det D/B.

I saw him killed on the spot near Assembly Point before we went over the top at Polygon Wood. We held the ground but kk I can't say anything about his burial. 5 feet 9, dark, aged about over 30, and come from Queensland.

Inf:- Pte T.R. Watterson No.2815.
A.I.F. 9. C. X.
H.S. Kank 'Western Australia'.

ORR.

PP.

A.I.F.
9th. Battalion.

DACEY. 2125.
Vincent Dudley.

"Killed in Action 20.9.17"

No trace Germany.

Cert. by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.

London.
16.10.19.

S.B

9th March 1918

Capt. R.C. Brennan,
9th Aust: Inf: Btn:
Aust: Imp: Force,
B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

We have been asked by our Sydney Bureau to make enquiries concerning - 2125 Vincent Dudley Dacey, 9th Btn, who is reported Missing 20-9-17. We have recently received an unofficial report stating that this man was your batman and that he was well and with the Battalion in November. As we have again applied at A.I.F. Headquarters, who still report him to be Missing 20-9-17, we fear that our informant is confusing two men with similar names and particulars. May we trouble you therefore, to give us your confirmation or denial of this report, as we are most anxious to learn the fate of this man if possible.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary

asked by letter
12.11.18
N.S.

2125
V.D. DACEY
9 Batn
M. 20.9.17
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Officers Mess
First Training Batt.n A.I.F.
Sutton Veny
20-3-18

Secretary
Australian Red Cross

Dear Madam

Received your letter of the 9th inst enquiring about No 2125 Pte Dacey. I am sorry I cannot give you any information about him as I do not know anyone of that name. I am writing to France to day & will find out for you and let you know as soon as possible..

Yours faithfully

Ralph Brenan Capt