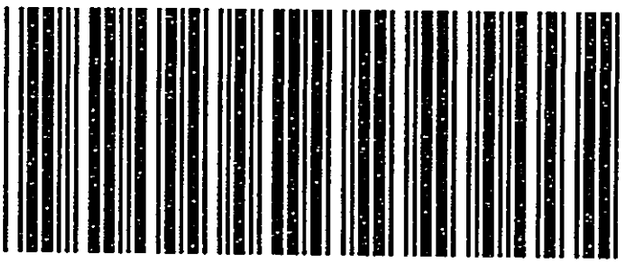
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5911 Private
David Daniel Delaney

18th Battalion



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A.I.F. 18. DELANEY, D.D. 5911.

K. Oct 3rd 1917.

At Westhoek Ridge Delaney and I were working on a fatigue party making the roads. A M.G. from the Roulers Road swept across us and Delaney was hit in the back and killed. I saw him fall and he died at once. I cannot say what became of the body. Delaney was in VII pltn., a single man, very short, known as Denny. His number was near mine.

Inf: Pte C.D.Saltwell. 5879. A.III
No. 2 Aust Gen Hosp.
BOULOGNE. 29.1.18.

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18th Battn.
B.Coy,
A.I.F.

DELANEY,
D.D. 5911

"Killed 3.10.17."

I saw him killed near the Menin Road, Ypres. He was caught by a shell, which mutilated him very badly, death being instantaneous. He was out with a fatigue party at the time of casualty. I knew him very well, he was a Jockey prior to enlistment. I do not know if his remains were collected and buried or not, and I cannot refer to anyone.

Informant:- Sgt. J.Tapley, 2478,
18th Battn, B.Coy, 7th Pltn,
3.A.A.H;
Dartford.

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London.
25.2.18.

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A.I.F. 18. DELANEY, D.D. 5911.

K. Oct 3rd 1917. Pets. D/B.

Delaney - initials D.D. - was in my platoon B.VII. He was killed in the beginning of Oct when on fatigue with me carrying to the front line at night. He was hit just behind the front line at Zonnebeke. I was about 30 yards away. Those who were with him said he was killed outright, and they buried him straight away though I did not see this,myself. Delaney was a short dark small built chap - a fair age, over 30 I should say.

Inf: L/Cpl.H.D.Gay. 3971. B.VII.
No. 55 Gen Hosp.
BOULOGNE. 2.4.18.

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Havre 24th April 1918.

18th A.I.F. Delaney D.D. No. 5911.

K. 3rd Octr 1917. Det D/B.

He was in D.Coy, a jockey in civil life. He was killed by a shell at Ypres in our trenches. I do not know where he was buried as there was no cemetery near by, but probably in a shell hole behind the line.

Inf:- Cpl H.C Healey No.4303.
18th A.I.F. D.Coy.
H.S. 'Western Australia'.

KMS.

5 Cd. Sqn

Havre. 2nd. May. 1918.

18th. Australians. Delaney, D. D. 6911.

K. October. 13/1917. Date. D/B.

I know Private. D. D. Delaney (Donald), B. Company, came from Sydney with me in the 18th. to the 18th. reinforcements on the "Ceramic" sailing October 7th. 1917. He was about 30, short, about 8 stone, fair clean-shaven. I was right in front of him at Anzac Ridge on the morning of October 2nd. 1917, dark, when he was hit in the stomach by a M. G. bullet and lived about ten minutes. He was conscious; he spoke a few words to the S/Bearers before he died. This happened in our lines and we hold the ground.

Inf:- Private. G. E. Hourits. 1251A.
18th. Australians. C. 12.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

RDM.

18TH BATTALION. 16 Reinf DELANEY, D.D. Private.
5911

KILLED 3-10-17.

We were laying a duck board track near Ypres. The Germans fired a machine gun on to behind the lines, and a stray bullet hit Delaney and killed him outright. He was buried where he fell.

Informant: J. J. Western, 2494,

Home address: 47 Arthur Street,
Leichardt.

J.V.H.
6-6-18.
No. 4 General Hospital, Randwick.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

A.I.F.
18th Battalion
16th Rfts.

DELANEY Pte. D.D. 5911

Killed 3/10/17.

Informant was in charge of a fatigue party engaged in laying duckboards for a foot track leading to the front line trench just to the rear and right of Zonnebeke Lake and village This was about 1 o'clock on the morning of 3/10/17, and about 300 or 400 yards behind the firing line. Word came to Informant that Delaney was hit, and Informant went straight along and saw him. He had been hit by a machine gun bullet. The stretcher bearers took him away and they reported that they buried him and put a rifle over his grave. One of the stretcher bearers was 2453, H.S.Proudfoot, 18th Battalion

Informant:-- BUCKINGHAM Sgt. 428
18th Battalion B. Co. A.I.F.

H.M.S.
8/7/18.
Sydney Bureau.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

18th. BATTALION A.I.F.
16th. Reinforcements.

DELANEY D.D. Private.
No. 5911.

"Killed in Action 3/10/17".

Informant did not care to commit himself to a personal description of Delaney. He states that on 3/10/17 the Battalion was in reserves at Ypres. A party of about 50 including Delaney and Informant were out on duckboard fatigue at night time. It was moonlight which enabled the enemy to see the party and they started shelling. Delaney was hit. Informant did not see this happen but saw him being carried out on a stretcher. He noticed that he was conscious and spoke to his mates. He was taken as soon as hit to the 2nd. Casualty Clearing Station and Informant had no further news of him.

Informant:- Private A. R. Sowter, 5118,
A. Company, 18th. Battalion,
Home address:- Balmoral Beach, Mosman.

WE.G.
No.21 Australian Auxiliary Hospital MOSMAN.
6/11/18.

18th BATTALION, A.I.F.
16th Rfts.

DELANEY - Pte. D.D.
No. 5911.

"Killed 3.10.17."

Informant described Delaney as about 5 ft 3in. high, nuggety build, fair complexion, aged about 25.

Informant states that they both belonged to B. Company. On 3.10.17 the Battalion was in reserves near Passchendaele. Informant and Delaney were in a fatigue party which was making a duckboard track during the night, when Delaney was hit by machine gun fire and died in about half an hour. He became unconscious as soon as he was hit. Informant was about 2 ft. away and saw Delaney fall. He was taken away in Informant's presence by stretcher bearers to a Dressing Station about a quarter of a mile away and died there. The stretcher bearers afterwards told Informant that they buried Delaney at the Dressing Station where he died.

According to Informant Delaney was well thought of by his mates.

Informant: Private F.O. Dolsen, No. 5441.
B. Company, 18th Battalion.
Home address: Marlborough Street, Flemington.
W.E.S.
No. 4 Australian General Hospital, RANDWICK.
8.4.19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

MELLARKEY.
David Daniel 5911

A.I.F.
18th Btn.
16th Rfts.

Killed in Action 3.10.17.

No trace in Germany.
Cert. by Capt. Mills 10.10.19.

London.
16.10.19.

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