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3122 Private
John Ellenduff Beatts

49th Battalion



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A.I.F. 49th Battn.

BEATTS
John Elenduff
3122

K/A 27/9/17

No trace in Germany
Cert. by Capt. Mills 10/10/19

London
21/10/19

B M

[redacted]

A.I.F.
49th Bttn.Co.B.Pltn.5.

BEATTS. Pte.
J.E. 3122.

"Killed 27.9.17."

5'9", dark, age 28 yrs. single. About 11 a.m. on 27.9.17. we were digging in when I saw Beatts hit by shell in the head and died instantly at Polygon Wood. I did not see him buried but some of the burial party told me they buried him and others on the field where they fell same night.

Informant:-
Pte.D.Mackay. 3273.
49th Bttn. B.Co. 5th Pltn.
Ward 26. 3rd A.A.Hpl.
7.5.19.

Home address:-
C/o Jones.
Latrobe St.
East Brisbane.

O.S.W.
London.
12.5.19.
HG.

B & M.

A.I.F.
49th Bttn.
B.Co.

BEATTS. Pte.
J.E. 3122.

Killed 27.9.17.

Height 5'9", medium complexion, aged 25 yrs.
I was told that Beatts was hit by bullet from a sniper and killed at Polygon Wood on 27.9.17. He would be buried on the field. I do not know who can give any information as an eyewitness.

Informant:- Pte. P.A. Morgan. 3215.
49th Bttn. B.Co.
8th Pltn.
Ward 18. Bed. 32.
3rd A.A. Hpl.
Dartford. 15.4.19.

Home address:-
Ridleberg St.
East Brisbane.

O.A.C.
London.
25.4.19.
J.F.A.

M & B.

49th Battn. B.Coy.
A.I.F.

BEATTS
J.E. 3122

"Killed 27-9-17"

At Polygon Wood, about 27th Sep.,,half an hour before we were relieved by another Coy., between 8 and 9 o'clock at night. Was killed outright by shell, did not see him killed myself. I was 100 yds. away at the time. He was a Lewis Gnr. for the Coy. I know nothing of burial, as we were relieved by another Coy. Do not remember names of any men who saw him killed. Knew him fairly well, came from Queensland, I think Bundaberg. Christian name, Jack, about 5'10", age 22 or 23 years, pale brown hair, medium build.

Informant. Linehan. Pte.C. 2933
49th Battn. B.Coy.,
WEYMOUTH.

A.D.G.
London
18-6-18

B. & M.

Tel.: VICTORIA {8576 8577 8578

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36, GROSVENOR PLACE,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

14th March 1918

L.Challands, Esq.,
Solicitor,
Commissioner for Affidavits
High Court & Supreme Courts
New South Wales & Victoria
AUSTRALIA

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Yours faithfully,

Vera Deakin, SECRETARY

M.R.

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SECRETARY

M. Ryan

L. E. CHALLANDS
SOLICITOR

COMMISSIONER FOR AFFIDAVITS
HIGH COURT AND SUPREME
COURTS NEW SOUTH WALES
AND VICTORIA

Ingham,

14th January 1918

Ans 13.3.18

The Australian Red Cross Commissioner
54 Victoria Street
London W.

Dear Sir

Private John Elenduff Beatts No 3122 49th Battalion A.I.F. was killed in action in France on 27th September 1917 and received a soldier's burial. His Father wishes if possible that a monument should be erected on the spot. Can you let me know if there is any organisation in England that will attend to the matter & would advise me of the probable cost, so that Mr Beatts could remit the amount.

Yours truly
L. Elland & Challands