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897 Sergeant
Leonard Frederick
Bysh

44th Battalion



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Havre

4th February 1918.

44th A.I.F.

Bysh Sgt L.F. No. 897.

K. 4th Octr 1917. Det D/B.

We had gone over Hill 60 and had just reached our objective on the 4th October when I saw Sargt Bysh sniped through the head. I did not know him well, but he was a dark chap, clean shaven, about 5 ft 8. He was a L.O. Sergeant, D. Coy.

Inf:- Pte W.E.G. Dods No. 876.
44th A.I.F. B. Co. XVI Pltn.
Australian Camp.
Bouelles.

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44th A.I.F.

Bysh, Sgt. L.F. 897
(K. Oct. 4/17 Dets. D/B)

"I knew Sgt. Bysh. He was in my platoon. We called him 'Len'. At Ypres on or about the 4th October we went over the top. We had not gone more than 200 yards when Sgt. Bysh fell. He was shot through the head and was killed instantly. I was quite close to him. C.Sgt. Major Bayne XVI Pltn. got his pay book and papers. We gained our objective. I did not again see Sgt. Bysh's body, but a burying party went out later and I believe his body was buried.

Sgt. Bysh was about 5 ft. 8 ins, dark, clean-shaved. He was a very nice fellow and well liked by everybody."

Eye witness: Yes as stated.

Description: See above.

Informant: Pte. Richard Jas. Kent, 44 A.I.F., 2595
D Coy. XVI Pltn.,
Venice St., Mil. Hos., Liverpool.

Home address: Sawyers Valley, West. Aus.

6.2.18.
J.L. Logger

Written C.Sgt. Bayne 26.2.18.

Havre.

19th. February 1918.

44th. Sattn. A.I.F.

Bysh Sergt. I.F. No. 897.

R. 4th. October 1917. Dets. B/B.

I was told by Sergeant Baynes on 7th. October, when we were with the Battalion at Ypres, that they had gone over the top on October 4th., and when they had reached 1200 yards he saw Bysh sniped through the head. He carried and held our objective. Sergt. Baynes is still with the Battalion. I knew Bysh fairly well; he was a young chap, dark hair, medium height. He was called "Len".

Inf:-Private T. C. Green. No. 647.
44th. Battalion. A. I. F.
Australian Cem.,
Bouelles.

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Walter Baynes
4.3.18

44th Battn.
A.I.W.

BYSH
Sgt. L.F. 897

"Killed 4-10-17"

I saw the body of Sgt. Bysh lying on the ground just after the hop-over towards Passchendaele on Oct. 4th. We went on and I cannot say if he was buried or not, but probably was later.

Informant. Pagan B.W. 5337
44th Battn., D. Coy.,
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WESTMAN.

W.A. Rand
London
18-3-18

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44th Battn.
A.I.F.

BYSH -
Sgt. L.F. 897

"Killed in Action 4-10-17"

Re Sgt. Bysh L.F. 897 44th Battn. Killed in action 4-10-17. I have already written fully to his Mother and also to his sister, (in England) giving all particulars I could. He was killed at my side, and cause of death was sniper bullet through the head. He would be buried by burial party in the field. I am unable to give any clue to grave location beyond the fact that it was in the vicinity of Railway Station, Zonnebeke. If my letter has not reached his sister in England, I would only be too pleased to write again as Sgt. Bysh was my mate.

Letter from:- Baynes Pte.H.685
44th Battn.,
FRANCE. 21-3-18

London
28-3-18

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44th Batt
A.I.F.

BYSH,
Sgt. L.F. 897

"Killed 4.10.17."

Was in B.Coy a Lewis Gunner. He was killed instantly by shell at Messines Ridge on October 4th, during the Hop-over. I did not see him killed, but saw his grave. He was buried in a little Cemetery (about 20 or 30 graves) in Messines Hollow, near the Ridge. A cross was erected over his grave out of the Batt funds.

Informant:- E. Brown, 440
44th Batt.
Warefield.

J.G.J.

London.
17.4.18.

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(26-2-18)

C. Sgt. Mjr. Bayne

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Sgt L. F. BYSH

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Ans. 4th 15. 897 Sgt. L.F. Bysth France 21/5/18
44 Btl
K/A 4-10-17 P₃ (CS)

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In reference to matter of Sgt Bysth L.F.
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James Fitzgibbon
Opte H. Baynes
No 685 44th Batt
A.I. Co.

28th March, 1918.

685 Pte. H. Baynes,
44th Infantry Battn.,
A.I.F., B.E. F.

Dear Sir,

We thank you very much for your reply to our
enquiry for

 BYSH
897 Sgt. L.F. BYSH, 44th Battalion, A.I.F.

The information you have given us will be of great assistance *to us*
Our enquiry came from Perth so we cannot say whether Sgt. Bysh's
sister received your letter. It was very kind of you to write
to her.

With best wishes.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.

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