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**6328 Private
William Henry**

18th Battalion



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A.I.F. 18th Bn

HERRY

6328

"FOUNDED"

Killed in action 20-9-17

Vert. by A.I.F. Hqs 13-11-17

London

14-11-17

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18th Battn.
A.I.F.

HENRY
W. 6328

"Killed 20.9.17."

Henry was wounded in the stomach by a piece of shrapnel, refused to be carried but walked onto the dressing station on Menin Road where he died and is buried just outside the Dressing Station. I saw him wounded and inquired later at the Dressing Station about him.

Informant: S. Ibbotson, 6102,
18th Battn D. Coy XIV Pltn,
Hut 20,
Westham.

W.A. Rand.

London.
6.3.18.

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Henry.

17th. May. 1918.

18th. Australians.

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Henry. W. 6323.

K. September 20/1918. Deta. D/B.

He was in D. Coy, 14th. Pltn. He was killed on September 20th. at Polygon Wood by a shell after we had taken our objective. Private Burkett of the 18th. Battalion, D. 14, saw it and told me; he could give full details. Henry was an elderly man; bow legged, was originally an Englishman; was dark with a moustache.

Inf:- Private. Morrison. 5463.
18th. Australians. D. 14.
H. S. "Grantully Castle".

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Written Burkett
27. 5. 18

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18th Battalion, A.I.F. 18 Rein

HENRY V. P'te.
No 6328.

"Killed 20/9/17"

Informant described Henry as about 5ft 8in high, medium build, fair complexion, wore a moustache, rather bow legged, aged about 28. Left Australia with Informant per "Suevic" on 11/11/16.

Informant states that on 20/9/17 the Battalion was in action at Ypres. They lepped over at about 6 a.m. Informant was attached to Headquarters Staff and was on observation duty that day. While engaged he saw Henry being carried out on a stretcher very badly wounded. This was about 2-30 p.m. near our front line. Henry was quite conscious and Informant asked him how he was getting on to which Henry replied "Allright". That was the last that Informant saw or heard of him.

Informant added that Henry was very well liked by his mates.

Informant: P'te L.E. Huntley, No 6310, Headquarters Staff.
18th Battalion. "E" Ward, Georges Heights

Home address: Military Hospital,
Tahelery Station, 21st Aust. Auxiliary Hospital, Sydney,
Hay, N.S.W.

23/5/18.

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18th BATTALION, A.I.F.
15th Reinforcements.

HENRY
Private W. 6328. *Time*

"KILLED. 20.9.17."

Informant described Henry as about 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, thick-set, rather bow-legged, aged between 36/40. He was a carpenter by trade.

Informant states that they both belonged to "D" Company, No. 14 Platoon. On 20.9.17 the Battalion was at Westhoek Ridge, Zonnebake, in action. They hepped over at about 5 a.m. Informant and Henry came into the line together before the hop-over. They gained their objective and dug in. At about 10 a.m. Henry was hit but Informant could not say whether he had been hit by a shell or a bullet. They wanted to take Henry to the Dressing Station on a stretcher, but he said he would walk. As soon as he reached the Dressing Station he collapsed. It was at this stage that Informant saw him, and he died while Informant was there. He was buried along-side a Cordurey Track, called Cambridge Road, across the Menin Road, and Informant afterwards saw his grave, over which a cross had been erected.

Informant also said that Henry was very popular with his mates.

INFORMANT:- Private S. Ibbotson, 6102,
"D" Coy, 18th Battalion, A.I.F. *S*

W.B.G.
No. 4 Australian General
Hospital, RANDWICK.
3.7.18.

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Sydney
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SYDNEY BUREAU.

18th BATTALION.
18th Reinforcement.

HENRY, V. Private.
No. 6328

"KILLED 20-9-17"

"I knew Henry well - his initial was W., and we called him "Bill". He left Australia with me as an 18th Reinforcement to 18th Battalion on 11-11-16 in the "Suevic". His Number would be about 6328 - he was the only Henry in the 18th Reinforcements. He was short, stout, rather dark with short moustache, and talked very slowly - he could talk Spanish and had been in South America and was well educated. I was wounded on 20-9-17 at Menin Road and was told by Private Ibbotson of 18th Battalion who knew Henry (about a fortnight ago), that Henry was wounded at Menin Road on 20-9-17. He walked out to the Dressing Station wounded, and died at the Dressing Station I think the same day. Ibbotson said he saw Henry's body. Ibbotson comes here for treatment. I understood Henry had been posted as Died of Wounds."

INFORMANT:- No. 6383. Pte. D. A. Quinlivan,
Home address:- 18th Battalion, A. Company, II Platoon
63 Brown Street, 18th Reinforcements.
Paddington.

I confirm the above, and have already given report to the Red Cross
Pte. S. Ibbotson, No. 6102

18th Battalion D. Company 14th Platoon.

H.S.O. Home address 595 Bourke Street, Moore Park.
No. 4 Australian General Hospital,
Randwick 30-8-18.

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18th Bn.
D. Coy. 14th Ptn.

HENRY
Pte. W. 6328.

"Killed in Action" 20.9.17.

I saw Henry shot. He was sniped alongside of me at Polygon Wood Sept. 20/17. He was hit through the head and died at once, I cannot say if he was buried as I was hit soon after myself. He was 5'8" high big build, fair and about 30 to 33 years of age, a simple sort of fellow.

5604 Pte. C. J. Heggie
D. Coy. 18th Bn.
Railway Parade
S. Branville
Sydney
N/S/W.

NOTE:-
Probably refers to another
man.

H.L.P.
P.C.S.I.C.
London
30.9.19
J.S.A.

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