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7258 Private Thomas Christopher Guppy

9th Battalion



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A.I.F. 9th Btn

GUPPY
T.C. 7256

"K/A. 11th Aug"

Adm.- Killed in action 11th Aug: buried - Memorial British Cemetery 1 mile S.S.E. of Vaulliers & 10 miles E. S.E. of Corbie. Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 7-12-18.

London
10-12-18

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A.I.F.
9th Bttn.

GUPPY.
T.C. 7258

"Killed 11.8.18."

He was a Pte. in A.Coy. 9th Btn, 2nd Pltn, about 5'9" or 10" sturdy build, medium colour hair, fresh complexion. He was killed behind Crepey Wood on 11th Aug. about 10 a.m hit by machine gun bullet in head. I saw him just after he was hit and helped to carry him back and to bury him the same night in a big grave near Crepey Wood where about 20 others were buried.

Informant:- Pte. J.C. Peterson.
H/Q Coy. 9th Bttn.
A.I.F.
3rd Bdge.H/Q.30.1.19.

Confirmed by Cpl.G.A.Gulliver, 7257
A.Coy. 9th Bttn. H.S.C.

H.S. Cowan.
London.
11.2.19.
J.H.A.

B.

A.I.F.
9th Bttn.

GUPPY.
T.C. 7258

"Killed 11.8.18."

I was running alongside talking to him when he was hit by machine gun bullet in head. He fell straight forward on his face and never moved. Continued with advance and saw no more of him.

Informant:- 765a Dvr.G.C. Burgon.
Transport Sec. formerly A.Coy.
9th Bttn. A.I.F.
3rd Bgde R/Q. 30.1.19.

H.S.Cowan.
London.
11.2.19.
J.B.A.

B.

A.I.F.
9th Bttn.
C.Co.

GUPPY. Pte.
T.C. 7258

Killed 11.8.18.

I did not know Guppy very much. He had only been with the Co about 5 days and it was his 1st stunt. I did not see him killed. It was reported at the Unit that Guppy was killed on the morning of Aug. 11th/18 at Lihons Wood. I do not know anything of burial.

Informant:- L/Cpl. R.J. Elliott. 6343
9th Bttn. C.Co. 11th Pltn.
A.I.F. Ward 3.
3rd A.A.Hpl. 20.4.19.

Home address:-
Blackall.
Queensland.

O.S.W.
London.
29.4.19.
J.E.A.

B.

9th Battn.

GUPPY,
T. C. 7258

K. Aug. 11th 1918

Christian name Thomas, about 5ft 10ins high, fair complexion and rather stout of build. I was with him at the time he was killed. I was Corporal in charge of a machine gun and Guppy was the No. 2 on the gu he was killed instantly by a machine gun bullet, through the head. This happened near Lihons on the Somme. The body was removed, but I do not know the place of burial. He was a very popular fellow, a steady mann and well liked by all.

L/Cpl. Collins, C.R.
2611, 9th Battn.

Private Address:-
BANGALOW, N.S.W.

Sgt. E.A.Gill,
H.M.A.T."Suffolk"
23/4/19.

Note:- C.L.James. The Cross, Manly, (9th Battn) produced a photo of the grave where Guppy with several other was buried which is about midway between Harbonnese and Lihons. Official photo No.3833. Date K.I.A., is shown Aug. 10th 1918, on the stone erected at the head of the grave.

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Sig. Guppy
9 Balt

See under
Sig. A. G. Giffen
3150
9 Balt

2-5-17.