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1669 Private
Harold Percy Harrison

58th Battalion



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58th A.I.F. HARRISON E.P. No.1659.

E. 12th May 1917. Det B/B.

I was not far off Harrison when he was killed at Bullecourt We were holding the front line trench and Harrison was asleep in a little hole in the side of the trench and a shell landed on the top and a piece hit him in the back, went almost through him and he was killed instantly. He was buried in a part of the trench a few yards from where he was killed. The spot was marked with a small cross, there was very heavy shelling going on. He came from Footscray a suburb of Melbourne. I had known him six months. They called him Harold. He was of medium height, thick-set, looked about 22.

Inf:- Pte A. McDonald No.2206.
Amb. No. 30 General Hospital.
Calais. 22.X.17. ER.

58th Batt: Harrison, H.P. 1869

K. 12/5/17.

He came over from Australia on the S.S. Port Lincoln with me. He was lying asleep in a small hole at Boulecourt when a piece of shrapnel hit him on the back killing him instantaneously. I assisted to bury him in the trench at the right of Boulecourt and made a small cross temporarily which was put on the grave, but another was to be erected later.

58th Batt: Box E Pte. 1824.

B. Southall. 19/11/17. R.D.S.

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58th Battn.
A.I.F.

Harrison.
Pte.H.P. 1669

"Killed 12.5.17"

I was told about June 17, by Pte.B.Fiddles C.Coy. that H.P.Harrison had been killed by shell ~~with~~ asleep in a dugout near Bullecourt and that Fiddles was just outside and saw this happen and saw the body afterwards. Later on I heard that Fiddles was in a hospital in England, He was badly wounded at the end of October or beginning of November.

Eye-witness: No.

Description: Had been in 60th A.I.F. Came from Melbourne.

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48th Battn.
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25.11.17.

London.
20.12.17. M.

Note Written Pte.Fiddes 11.12.17.