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**4048 Private
Morton Harrison**

47th Battalion



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A.I.F. 47th Btn

HARRISON
Morton 4048

"M. 5-4-18"

Killed in action previously reported Missing 5-4-18.
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs 1-11-18.

London
4-11-18

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A.I.F. 47.

HARRISON, M. 4048.

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M. April 5th 1918.

At Dernancourt near Albert on 5th April Pte M. Harrison, whose number I don't know, was close to me when his brains were blown out, by two or three M.G. bullets. He was so close he fell on me when hit. Not buried to my knowledge. Came from Tasmania, 21-22, 5ft 7. Was in L.G. team when killed.

Inf: Pte. P.W. Nicolson. 3393.
Maurice St., Mackay, Queensland.

St Martin's Camp,
BOULOGNE. 1.12.18.

HNT

In England.
c/o Mrs Aspon,
Nightingale Road,
Bushy.

J.E.A.

A.I.F. 47th Battn.

HARRISON
4048.H.

"Killed 5.4.18."

I saw Harrison killed by a machine gun bullet which hit him in the forehead. He died at once. We had to leave his body as we were captured. This was at Dernancourt on April 5th.

Informant:- 265 B.C. Peachey,
47th Battn.C. Coy,
11th Platoon,
Dover.

A.G. Andrews.
London
6.12.18.
J.E.A.

H.

47th Battn.
A.I.F.

HARRISON.
H. 4048.

"Killed in Action 5-4-18"

I was standing alongside of him when he got sniped through the head. He was the only Harrison in Unit. A short chap. We called him "Maddie". He was killed instantaneously. This was in support near Dernancourt.

Informant:- 2746.Pte Ridley.H.
47th Battn.A.I.F.
(Repat: P/W)

London.
14-12-18.
V.D.

H.

A.I.F. 47th Bttn.

HARRISON
H. 4046.

"Killed 5.4.18."

He came from Tasmania, and was with me in C. Company, 10th Platoon. He was a Lewis Gunner. 5ft. 9ins, medium and 22. I know nothing of the casualty but I have a post card here (produced) written by Bill White, (47th Bttn. C. Coy, 10th Pltn.) 5212 on the 2nd June 1918 in which he states that Mort Harrison was killed in the same Stunt (Dernancourt) as he was taken Prisoner. White was a Prisoner of War in Germany, when he wrote to me. He is now in England.

Informant:- M. Costello, 5072,
45th Bttn.

B. Coy, 8th Platoon.

W.M.K.

London

19.12.18.

J.E.A.

Note:- White to be interviewed on arrival.

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Note:- I read the post card. It appeared genuine.

W.M.K.

A.I.F.
47th Bttn.

HARRISON.
H. 4048.

"Killed 5.4.18"

I was with Harrison - only the two of us on a Lewis Gun - in a trench at Dernancourt on 5th April when he was hit in forehead by a bullet - a bad wound - and killed instantaneously. He was firing the gun and his head was over the parapet. He fell at my feet and I had to work the gun alone till I was captured about 1/2 hour later and know nothing of burial. He was a rosy cheeked man - about 21 or 22. About 5'9" or 10". He joined the Battalion when it was formed in Egypt - knew him very well. He was in H/Qs bombers with me till after Passchendaele and then we were put in C.Coy Lewis Guns.

Informant:- W. White 5212.

47th Battalion. C.Coy.

A.I.F.

Repat. Prisoner of War. 8.1.19.

London.
10.1.19.
M.I.S.

H.

A.I.F.
47th. Battn.,

HARRISON.
Morton.

4048.

"Killed in Action 6.4.18".

No trace Germany.

Cert. by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.

London
24.10.19.

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