

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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1131 Private
Douglas Grant

29th Battalion



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29th A. I. F.,

Grant, Pte. D., , 1131,
D. Coy.,

K. Oct. 25th, 1916. Det: D & B.

"I knew Grant but do not know his Platoon. He was in D. Company. I was an eye witness to his death. He was killed by a shell practically instantaneously for he only lived a few mins after, and was conscious at Fleurs. He was in a shell hole at the time and was buried in that same shell hole. It was behind Fleurs near High Wood."

Eye Witness: Yes.

Description:

Informant:-- Capt. J.V. Maulehan,
29th Australian Imperial Force,
C.Coy.,
1, Moreton Gardens Hospital,
S.S.

Home address:-- Fitzroy Street,
Kilda, Melbourne.

7.3.17.

E. Bueford Harcock.

A.I.F. 29.

GRANT D. 1131.

R. 25.10.16.

He was killed at Fiers on 25th.Oct. I was about 20 yards away from him at the time in the same reserve trench. A shell came over and killed him outright. I heard all about the casualty immediately though I did not see the body. I know that his body was buried just behind the trench from what the men told me but I have not seen the grave. He belonged to D.Co. I knew him well as Dug Grant.

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Reference: Lts.R. Wilkins. 1260. D.Co.
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29th A. I. F.

Grant, Pte. D. 1131.

(K. Oct: 25/16. Det: D & B.)

"Grant went out with Wilding to get water from a shell hole, a bit of shrapnel caught them both and killed them. I think it was near Fiers they were killed on the spot. He was buried but I did not see him buried."

Description:-- Short, dark, rather fat, we called him "Dug"

Informant:- Pte. Thomas Linney, 1160.
29th A. I. F. D Coy, XVI Pl.
Mount Dore Hospital,
Bournemouth.

March 7th
M. Lyle.

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29th A.I.F.

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Eye-witness:

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Informant: Sergt William J. Wilkinson, 2157.
29th A.I.F. D.Coy, XIV Plat.,
Harborne Hall V.A.D. Hospital,
Birmingham.

Home address:
Sydney St.,
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10th March 1917.
Geo. Bullock.

29th A.I.F. *Duplicate*

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D 1131

"Killed 25.10.16"

I saw him killed by shell. His head was badly shattered. I helped to bury him along with Cpl J.S.Davies and Pte John Wildie (D) in one grave near the top end of Fish Alley (Flers support) I made the cross myself with their names on it. Grant was a fine young fellow. His name was Douglas and his people live in England.

Reference:- 930 W.Sargeant,
29th Batt. A.I.F.,
Dartford,
9.3.16.

London
15.3.17.
L.P.J.

M.

29th A.I.F.

Grant, Pte D. 1131.

(K. Oct. 25/16. Det: D & B)

"I knew Grant and his number. His Christian name was Douglas. He was killed at Flers trench in front of Bapaume on Oct. 25th/16 at about 7 o'clock in the morning. I saw him just after he had been hit by a shell and he had been killed instantly. He was buried the same day about 100 yards behind the Flers trench and about 8 others were also buried there. I have seen his grave with his name and number. He came from Victoria and from what he told me he had been there only three years and had come from England. He was of my platoon."

Eye-witness: Yes

Description:

Informant: Pte Fredck Pengelly, 1465.

29th A.I.F., D. Coy. XV Plat.,

Colmore Road Hospital,

Home address:

72, Magpie St.

King's Heath, Birmingham.

15th March 1917.

Ballarat East, Victoria.

W.F. Andry.

29th A. I. F.,

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Informant states that on Oct. 15th, at Crest Trench Grant was killed instantly, blown to pieces, by a H.R. Informant who has seen the grave states that it is just behind the trench. Another of the same Rgt., and also an Engineer being buried in the same grave. A wooden cross with the name and number marks the spot.

Eye Witness:

Description:

Informant:-- A.U. Burgers, 1453,
29th A. I. F., D. Coy.,
2nd Birmingham War Hosp:
Hollymoor.

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S.I.H. Parkes.

29th Btn.

GRANT, D.
Pte. No. 1131

Killed in action 25/10/16.

"Casualty was well known to me. He was a friend of mine. He was killed together with J.S. Davies at Fleurs on the 25th October by H.E. shell. I actually saw him killed and I helped to bury his body. We put a cross over his grave."

Informant:- W. Sargeant,
No. 930, 29th Btn.

Private address
Silver Creek,
Beecroftworth.

H.A.B.
26/6/17.

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