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4129 Private
Arthur Edward Harris

17th Battalion



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17th A. I. F. A. E. HARRIS. 4129.

Killed 17.8.17. Details.

Informant gave Co. as D. Fl. at [illegible] and said Harris who came from New Zealand was killed in February to the left of Le Sars, being hit by a shell in the head and killed at once. Informant was about 50 yards away at the time. He was buried where he fell by the outpost and Informant saw a cross put up bearing his name.

Reference: Sgt. F. J. Coombes, 1171, D Co 14 Fl.
No.11 Con.Camp Duchy Nr.Rouen. 21.8.17.

DLF.

17th A.I.S.

Harris, Pte. A.E. 4129

(K. 17th Feb. 1917, Dets. D/B)

Informant states "I saw Harris lying at Le Sars with half his head blown away, and he was dead. Sgt Brown of the 17th A.I.F. told me afterwards that Harris was buried with other men just by where he was killed and pointed out his grave to me, this was just by the side of a tramway. I intended putting a cross on his grave but we were relieved and did not go back there again. His grave was marked with his name and number. Harris was a private in D. Coy., 16th Pltn."

Eye witness: Yes, as to part.

Description: Short, dark, called him "Darky". Says Harris was a New Zealand man and came from North Ireland there.

Imformant: Cpl. Wm. McKinlay, 3115, 17th A.I.F.,
D Coy., 16th Pltn.,
1st Southern General Hos: Birmingham.

May 19th 1917
H. Reeves.

Home address: 3 High St.,
Kogarah, New South Wales.

Written Sgt Brown 6.6.17

17th A. I. F.

Harris, A.E. 4129,
D. Company

(K. Feb 17th/17. Det: D & B)

"Harris was killed instantly by a whizz bang and was buried alongside the trenches at Le Sars, in front of the chalk pits, off the main road between Albert and Bapaume. I was near him and was told his name was Harris, but I did not know him."

Eye-witness: Yes

Description:

Informant: Pte J. Roberts, 4823,
17th A.I.F., D.Coy, 15 Plat.,
St. John's Hospital, Ward St. John,
Cheltenham.

Home address:
4, Milsom's Lane,
Milsoms Point,
Sydney.

7th May 1917.
Edward E. Holt Evans.

17th A. I. F. A. E. HARRIS, 4129

Killed 17.2.17. Det.D & B.

We were at Le Sars on the 17th Feb./17 and Harris was on Gas guard at Hdqrs. The Germans were shelling at the time and he was hit in the face by a shell which blew his head off. I was told this the same day by (then Corpl.)(now) Sergt.Brewer who has since been wounded, on the 3rd May. Sergt.Brewer is in D.Coy. of our Battn. Harris was buried near where he was killed at Le Sars. I had intended to go up and put a cross on his grave but we were relieved so I had not a chance to do this. I knew him personally, he was a New Zealander.

Reference: Corpl.W.McKinley, 3115, D.Coy. No.16 Plat.

No.9 General, Rouen, 16.5.17.

WTMR.

Notes Written Sgt Brewer 23.5.17

Sgt BREWER/DG

17 Batt AIF

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for

4129. A. E. HARRIS

17 Batt. AIF

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Battalion and Regiment.	Co.	Platoon	Casualty.
20th A.I.F.			K. March 1.17.

BY

Battalion and Regiment.	Co.	Platoon	Home Address.
20th A.I.F.	C	11	10 Oak's Avenue Neutral Bay. N.S. Wales.

INFORMANT

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to the 10th Reinforcements which caught 23 men.

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THE FOLLOWING :—

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Signature of Searcher Alicia Adelaide Needham

Date of Report 14/5/17