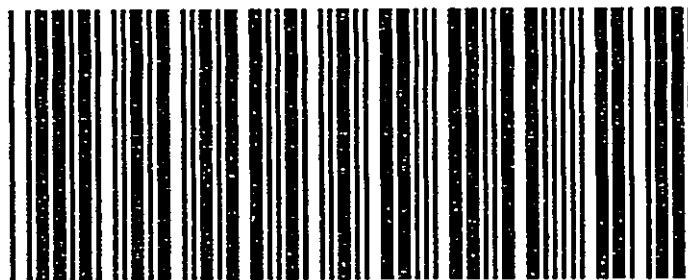


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**6079 Corporal  
Bertie Joseph Samuel  
Harding**

**19th Battalion**



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19th Bsn.  
A.I.F.

HARDING,  
B.J.S. 6079.

"Killed in action 31-8-18."

"My brother was killed at Mont St. Quentin at about 6 o'clock in the morning of the 31st August. I have communicated all details to my parents.

I should consider it a favour if you would ask the person enquiring about my brother to write to me, as it may possible be one of his English friends whose address, I do not know, because his note-book, etc., were sent home. If you could find any one of his Company who saw my brother killed I would be very pleased indeed to know his name.

Letter from:-Victor J.S. Harding,  
24th Bsn.,  
A.I.F.

London,  
14-1-19.  
J.E.A.

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19th BATTALION, A.I.F.

HARDING,  
Corporal N.J.S. 6079.

"KILLED IN ACTION. 31.8.18."

We were in action at Mont St. Quentin. Harding was killed outright by Machine Gun fire. The body was found the next day, when the burial took place on the spot. The Battalion cross was placed over the grave. I was at the burial. Harding was in my Platoon, "A" Company.

INFORMANT: Lieutenant Gordon.  
19th Battalion, A.I.F.

Home address; Pacific Street, MANLY.

G.S.A.  
Victoria Barracks, SYDNEY.  
12.5.19.

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HARDING  
B.J.S. 6079

"K. Aus. 31/18"

I saw Harding's (of A.I.) body after he had been killed (by the lock of his body), by shell at Mont St. Quentin in the early morning hopover, it was about 10 a.m. when I saw his body. He had been hit about the face & chest & I think he must have been killed instantly. He was awarded "M.I." after death.

Description: Bertie Samuel Joseph, fair, about 5'7" nuggety, 28 yrs. Came from Riverstone N.S.W.

Informant: Cpl. J. A. Secher 5086  
(was) 19th Btn A.I.F.  
Belgium.

Buried Sheet 626. N.S. 1/2000 I.15. C.O.S.

*Cert. by Coy. Records.*

H.E.H.  
London  
18-2-19.  
J.B.A.

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A. I. F. 19th Battn.

HARDING

B. J. S. 6079.

"Killed 31.8.18."

Harding was Corporal in A. Coy, 1. Platoon. I saw a cross made at our Headquarters at Fraise with Harding's name on it, towards the end of September. Our Pioneers would take it up to the grave which was on the way up to Peronne on the left bank of the river. Harding was from New South Wales. His Brother, Vic Harding a signaller in 24th Battalion, knows particulars about the grave. Ground was held. He was 5ft. 6ins, about 23.

Informant: - 2065, Cpl. H. D. White,  
19th Battn.  
A. Coy,  
University Hospital,  
Southampton.

G. R. B  
London  
30.12.18.

*Note. Written Vic. Harding.  
about brother, 20.12.18.*

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