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411 Bombardier Maurice Dix

5th Division Trench Mortar Brigade



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A.I.F. 5th Div.T.M.Bty
not 9th M.T.M.Bty.

DIX
M. 411

"K/A.9-8-18"

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5th. Aust. Div. T. M. Brigade. Dix, M. 411.

K. August. 9/1918. Dets. D/B.

I knew Bombardier Dix of the 9th. Australian Medium T. M. Battery about 28, medium height, stout built, fairish, red face, and clean-shaven. I heard that he was killed by a premature of a 6" gun along with Sergt Coleman, and Corporal Garlick. The Sergeant died of wounds on his way to the ~~Dressing~~ C. C. S. Baynevillers. The remains of Dix & the Corporal were gather together and buried in the same Grave in the open near where they were killed at Baynevillers. Full details cane be obtained from the Battery H.Q.

Inf:- Gunner. A. Waters. 1325.
10th. Aust. Med. T. M. Battery.
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A.I.F. Trench Mortar
Brigade, 5th Div.

M. DIX
411.

"Killed 9/8/18."

He was killed at Cerisy Gailly in front of Villers Bretonneux on the 9th August about 11 P.M. I was on the same gun. A premature burst took place and Dix was blown to pieces. We buried him beside the pit and put up a cross with his name on it. I helped to put the cross up. I knew him well in Civil life. He was Acting Bombadier, 9th Battery, 5th Division, Trench Mortar Brigade; medium height, thickset, fair. His number was 411. Name was Maurice but everybody called him "Jim Dixie." He was very popular.

Informant:- Gunner E.C. Cameron 1081
9th Battery 5th Div. Trench Mortars,
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Med. Trench M.,
A.I.F.

DIX,
M. 411.

"Killed in action - 9-8-18."

"Harbonieres on Main Road to Peronne near a big R.E.Dump, killed by a premature burst he and Cpl. Garrick were blown to pieces, they were buried close to the gun position, I saw the grave next day small cross put up and two tombs, one at head of each grave. I knew him well well, he comes from near Newcastle, N.S.W.

Informant:- Noble, 28974,
W. 21 Harefield.

D.P.Dickson,
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(late A.I.F. 5 Div. T.M.Bty
9th Medium Trench Mortar Battery)
5th F.A.B. (Late 30th Battalion)

DIX, Gunner
M. No. 411

"Killed 9-8-1918".

Informant described Dix as about 5ft.4-5" high, heavy build, fair complexion, aged 30, came from Newcastle, was called "Jimmy". Informant states that they both belonged to the 9th M.T.M. Battery.

On 9-8-18 the Battery was holding the line at Harbonnieres. Dix's section took over Informant's Section that evening and during the night a shell burst prematurely in the gun and killed Dix outright, together with Corporal Garlick and Sergeant Forsythe. Another chap named MacKenzie was wounded by the same shell and has returned to Australia. Informant was away when Dix was hit, but next morning helped to bury him and the others where killed in the open not far from the place where they fell. A cross was to be put on the grave later.

According to Informant Dix was well liked by his mates.

Informant;- No. 2082, Gunner H. Snowden,
9th Medium Trench Mortar Battery,

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