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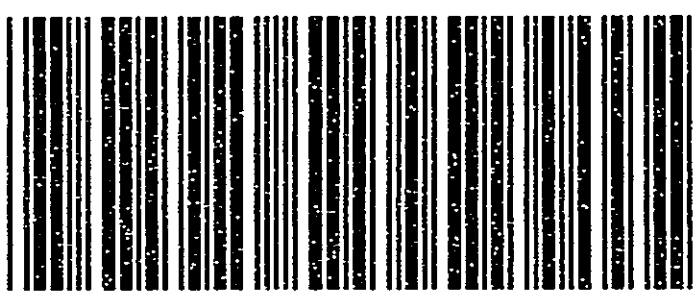
3564A Private
Franics Lamb Craig

17th Battalion



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Havre. 14th. August. 1918.

17th. Australians. Craig, F. L. 3564A.

K. May. 13/1918. Date. D/B.

I knew a Craig in A. Coy, 3rd. Platoon, (mine) originally in the 13th. Battalion; single, nuggety build, fair, clean-shaven, about 28. We were digging a communication trench to some of the outposts in front of Hoèley. He was hit by a M.G. Bullet & just turned over & said 'O Mother' & died. he was about 5 or 6 men away from me. He was carried away & buried near by. I have not seen the Grave. The ground is in our hands.

Inf:- L/Corporal H. R. Grant. 6305.
17th. Australians.
H. S. 'Carrisbrooke Castle'.

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17th BATT. A.I.F. CRAIG. F.L. 3564A.

K.May 13th.1918. Det.

We were in A.Coy. We were making a new front line at Morlancourt when he was hit by a machine gun bullet in the groin. He died while the stretcher was being brought for him. He was carried away and buried in a ravine at the back of Morlancourt where Sgt Hogan was also buried, who was killed the same night. I was about 20 yards from him when he was hit and saw him after he had been placed on the stretcher.

W.S.I.

Ref ---Pte L.Matthewman. 2415.
No 47 Gen. Hospital.

Le Treport. August 21st.1918

SM

17th Battn: Craig, F.L. 3564 A.

K. 13/5/18.

He was one of my Lewis gun team. "Craigie" (A.Company) was wounded along of me by a M.G. ~~~~ burst while we were digging a sap at Morlancourt. He was unconscious and lived for about ½ an hour. I was told by the stretcher bearers (I do not know their names) that he and 4 others were buried in a gully just at the back of Morlandourt.

17th Battn: Howarth, W.V.Sgt. 7053.

A 6. Dartford. 5/9/18.

R.D.B.

Havre

6th Septr 1918.

Australians. 17.

Craig F.L. 3564 A.

K. 13th May 1918. Det D/B.

I saw nothing myself but Pte R. Ramsey of the 17th Battn A.Co. III told me that he and Craig were together at Villers Bretonneux on fatigue duty on the 13th May 1918 when a M.G.Bullet hit Craig in the leg and he died on the way to the D/Station. I don't know where he was buried.

Inf:- Pte C. Wren No. 3690.
A.I.F. 17. A. IF.
Australian Conv. Depot.
Rouelles.

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A.I.F. 17 Bat.

Craig,F.L.
No.3564 A.

K.May 13/18.

I did not see him killed, but I helped to bury him on 15 May.in a grave along with Corporals George and Crawford, and some others who had been killed that day.

The grave is in a gully above Corbie. I did not know Craig personally, as he was not in my Coy.

Inf. Page,private G.T., 17 Bat. C.Coy., 10 plat.

G.F.G.
Dartford
23/8/18

A. I. F. 17th Bn. CRAIG, F. L. 3564. A.

K. May 13/18. Det. D/B.

Craig was a short, stout man, came from Sydney, and used to own or drive a taxicab there. We were relieving the 3rd Div. at Warlencourt. On the night of the 13th about 11.0 p.m. he with several other men was digging a sap. He was shot through the thighs and bled to death before they could get him back to the D/S. He was buried in a gully about 400 yards back.

Reference: Pte. H. Whalen, 2459, A. May.

No. 6 General, Rouen, 2.9.18.

D.M.

17th. Battn. Craig, F.L. 3564A.

K. 13/5/18.

We were marching on to the tape and about to dig in on the front line at Morlancourt when a burst of M.G. fire hit him on the groin. He lived for about 5 minutes and was conscious, and actually bled to death. I know no further particulars.

17th. Battn. Richards, G. Pte. 691.

A. 14. Dartford. 3/9/18.

R.D.B.

17th Battn:

Craig, F.L. 3564 A.

K. 13/5/18.

We were working a Lewis Gun at Morlincourt. Frank Craig was No: [illegible], Pte. Perry, No: 1. Craig was advancing with Perry next to him and Pte. Oberon next to Perry when Fritz M.G. bullets hit both Craig and Oberon, but not injuring Perry. Craig was hit in the stomach but remained quite conscious and asked us to "Get me away out of it". The stretcher bearers told me that he died on the way out.

17th Battn:

Stuart, E.G.Pte. 4538.

13 A. Dartford. 23/7/18.

R.D.B.