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3495 Sergeant Reginald Sydney Davies

17th Battalion



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17th BATTALION. DAVIES, R.S. Sergeant.
No. 3495.

"KILLED 3.10.18."

Davies was Sergeant in B. Company and was machine gun Sergeant his name was Reg- he was medium sized. He had been in England on 14 days leave and rejoined the Battalion as we were marching into the line at Johncourt on 3.10.18. He need not have been in the line but had hastened up voluntarily so as not to miss the stunt; he was a good soldier. I was speaking to him after he rejoined. He went over the top with B2 Company to which I was attached. I was wounded early in the stunt and was told the next day that he had been killed outright. I heard this from several mates. I do not know where he was buried.

Informant: Sergeant J. Dolan 1346.
17th Battalion, A. Company,
"Osterley"
Home address: Hocrasie Avenue,
KENSINGTON.
No. 4 General Hospital RANDWICK.
21.2.19.
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SYDNEY BUREAU.

17th Battn.
A.I.F.

DAVIES. "D.C.M"
R.S. 3495.

"Killed in Action 3-10-18"

Davies was with my Company during our advance towards the Bosche lines between Joncourt and Wiancourt on the date named. and was killed instantaneously by shell fire, before we reached the first Bosche wires. I buried him on October 5th in the Military Cemetery near Joncourt. The ground was held.

Eye-Wi ness:- Yes.
Description:-
Home address:-
Headquarters A.I.F.
Horseferry Road.
Westminster. S.W.I.

Informant:- Richmond.G.K.Lieut.
17th Battn. A.I.F.
3rd London General Hpl.
WANDSWORTH.

John.R.Clark Hall.
London.
23-1-19.
H.G.

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Havre 6th February 1919.

Australians. 17. Davies Sergt R.S. (DCM) 3495.

K. 3rd Octr 1918. Det D/B.

I saw him lying dead at the left of Jorncourt on the Beauvaries line. He had been killed by a shell. I knew him well, he came from Sydney. He was in the same Company. I can't say if he was buried as I was hit myself and was passed back.

Inf:- Ato A.E.Gardiner No. 3840.
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A.I.F. 17th Btn

DAVIES "D.C.M"
Sgt. R.S. 3495

"K.Cot: 3/18"

I saw Davies (B.Coy) body at Joncourt just outside the wire the day after he had been killed by bullet wound right through the head, which must have killed him instantly. During the attack in the morning, when they went back the following day, the body was missing - I think one of the 6th Infy.Bgde.Btns, buried him. He only returned from Blighty leave the day before he was killed.

Description: Dark, thickset, about 35 years, from Petersham Sydney

Informant - Pte.C.W.Beaumont 4662
17th Btn B.Coy.

London
Belgium
J.E.A.
10-2-19

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17th BATTALION.
A.I.F.

DAVIES, Sergeant
R.S. No. 3495

"Killed 3/10/18".

Informant described Davies as about 5ft. 6-8" high, nuggety build, fair complexion aged 27/8. They both belonged to "B" Company.

On 3/10/18 the Battalion was in action at Estress. They hopped over early in the morning, and at the hop-over Davies was killed outright. Informant was about 30 yards away and saw Davies fall, but could not wait to investigate, as he had to go on in the advance. He never saw Davies again, but had no doubt that he was picked up and buried. The objective was captured. Informant added that Davies was well thought of by all.

Informant:- No. 622 - Pte. A. Martin,
"B" Company - 17th Battalion.

Private address:- "Nyntanle", Billyard Avenue,
WAHROONGA.

W.E.G.
Anzac Buffet, Sydney.
31/5/19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

17th BATTALION.
A.I.F.

DAVIES, Sergeant
R.S. No. 3495

"Killed 3/10/1918".

Informant described Davies as about 5'7" high, medium build, dark complexion, aged about 30 or more; used to work on the trams in Sydney. They both belonged to "B" Company - Davies being Informant's Platoon Sergeant, and also Machine Gun Sergeant for the Company.

On 3/10/18 the Battalion was in action at Estrees. They hopped over at 6 a.m. and Informant was told that Davies was killed about a ½ of an hour afterwards. Informant when coming back later on in the day saw Davies lying on the ground where he had fallen. He never saw him again, but had no doubt that he was buried. The objective was captured.

Informant:- 3840, Private A.M. Gardner,
17th Battalion "B" Company".

Private address:- Barney St., ARMIDALE. N.S.W.

V.E.G.
Anzac Buffet, Sydney.
2/6/1919.

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