

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
1DRL/0428

**2885 Private
Norman Lewis
Drislane**

29th Battalion



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29th Btn.

COTREN, R.D.
Pte. No. 2885

Killed in action 4/8/17. *alias Drislane*

N.L.

"I wrote home to Casualty's Aunt Miss Drislane to the effect that Casualty was killed at Fleury by H.E. steel whilst going out to relieve a party. He had just returned to duty after recovering from a wound at Armentieres. This happened about 8th March, 1917.

Informant:- W.J. Watt
No. 2791 29th Btn.

Private address
Aberfoyle Davis Avenue,
South Yarra.

H.A.B.
16/10/17.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

A.I.F. 89th Bn

22. BLAN

H.I.

2885

(Formerly known as -)

Norman D. COTRER

"WOUNDED"

Killed in action 4-3-17

Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 23-10-17.

London

23-10-17

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19th Nov. 1917

29th AUSTRALIANS

002423, H.E. Allen 2628 DUNSLANE, N.I.
2335

K: 453.27 Dat: D/E

I knew him only one day, when we went into action. He was at
Bunray Trench on the Somme. He was medium height, thick set,
dark, about 20 years of age. On the morning of the 4th March,
Gordon was detonating grenades behind the front line, when a
German shell burst among 6 boxes of grenades. Gordon was killed
on the spot. I saw it occur. A cross - not a battalion cross -
was put up where he was buried - on top of the same trench.
He held the ground.

Informant: Pte. H. Dorrat, 2628
29th Australians, A Co., 2nd Ptn.,
Australian Camp, Amelies.

PH

M (H)

A.I.F. 29th Battn

Herman D.

COTREN

2885

Wounded - November

Admitted 5th Convalescent Depot Cayeux 15-11-16 -
Gun shot wound left arm.
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 18-12-16.

London
22-12-16.

H.

29th Oct. 1918.
A.I.P.

N.
Cotter:
N.D. 2085

Driscoll - Norman Lewis - alias Cotter Norman David.

Note This case is filed under Cotter N.D.

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London.
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GOTHEN, E.D. alias DRISLANE, N.L.
2335

E. March 4th. 1917.

He was killed outright by a shell at Sun Bay trench on the left of Le Transloy on March 4th. I was there at the time and saw this happen. A party went out and buried him near the spot where he was killed. He belonged to V pl. B.Coy. I was S/M of B.Coy at the time. He went under the alias of Drislane as given but we knew his real name.

Reference:- Lt. S.L.Patterson. A.Coy.
Bevres.

SA.

Identity cert. from Battn records.

Etaples
19.1.18.