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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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6983 Private
Justus Frederick Darr

3rd Battalion



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3rd Battn.
A.Coy,
A.I.F

DARR,
J.F. 6983

"Killed 4.10.17."

I saw him killedat Ypres, he was caught by a shell and was very badly knocked about, death being instantaneous. He was in a shell hole, just beyond the front line, at the time of casualty. I knew him very well, he came from Dungog, N.S.W and was the only man of this name in the Coy, I do not know place of burial, but refer to Cpl. H. Lee, 3rd Battn D.Coy, who is now in France. He was in charge of the burial party that day, and can give full details.

Informant: Pte.J.Prendergast, 7051,
3rd Battn D.Coy 13th Pltn,
3.A.A.H.
Dartford.

W.Cman.

London
26.2.18.

NOTE Written Cpl. Lee 25.2.18.

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3rd Battn.
A.Coy,
A.I.F.

DARR,
J.F. 6983

"Killed 4.10.17."

Refer to L/Cpl. G.Matick , A.Coy, 3rd Battn, who is now in France, he saw him killed at Broodseinde, on the 4.10.17 and can give details of casualty.

Informant:- L/Cpl. E.R.Ferguson, 5079
3rd Battn A.Coy, 1 Pltn,
3.A.A.H.
Dartford.

W.Oman.

London.
6.3.18.

NOTE Written Matick 5.3.18.
Written to Matick about a man called Darr instead of Darr. As this case is cancelled we are not writing again to Matick
30.4.18

3rd Battn.
A.I.F.

Darr.
J.F. 6983

Kirkpatrick.
S. 7019

"Killed in Action 4.10.17"

Re 6983 Pte.J.F. Darr. I do not know anything about this man. Also your enquiry re 7019 Pte.S.Kirkpatrick. I do not know where he is buried. I had a burial party about the area where he was supposed to have been killed but did not find his body, probably some other party working on there has buried him, if so his grave will be registered.

Letter from:- Cpl.N.Lee
D.Coy.
3rd Battn.
1.3.18.

London.
12.3.18.

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A.I.F. 3. DARR, J.F. 6983.

K. Oct. 4th, 1917, Det. D/B.

Darr in A.I. was killed in the hop over on Oct. 5th at the ridge at Passchendaele. We took our objective but went beyond it and had to come back to it and dig in. Then a m.g. opened on us and Darr got hit and only lived a couple of minutes. I was there and had a look at him. I could not see where he was hit. I saw the S/B. burying him about 3 hours after the stunt was over just behind our objective. Darr came from Narrabri, N.S.W.

Inf. L/Cpl. A. Croydon, 5667, A.II.
14 Gen. Hosp.
BOULOGNE. 28.3.18.

JT.

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3rd A.I.F.

Darr. Pte. J.F. 6953.
A Coy. 1 Pl.

(K. Oct. 4/17.)
Pets. D/B.

"I knew Darr well. We slept alongside of one another. On Oct. 4/17 at Passchendaele we were attacking and Darr was killed. I was not an eye-witness but L/C Drury of same Pltn. told me he saw him killed, he believed by Machine-Gun. Drury is still with the Batt."

Eyewitness: No. See above.

Description: He told me he worked with his people, who are Farmers and cattle - breeders.

Informant: Pte. N. Rigby. 6903.
3rd A.I.F. A Coy. 1 Pl.
Napsbury Hospital,
St. Albans.

Home address:
21, Hubert Street,
Bronte, Sydney.

23/4/18.
F. Farmer.

S. Carroll

3rd Battn. A.Coy.
A.I.F.

DARR
J. 6983
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"Killed 4-10-17"

I saw him killed at Passchendaele. He was hit through the heart with a bullet from a machine gun, whilst we were attacking the enemy positions there. Death was instantaneous. I knew him well, he came from Dungog, N.S.W., where he was engaged in farming prior to enlistment. I assisted to bury him, in the field at place of casualty, but we did not mark the grave.

Informant. Griffiths Pte.J. 5096
3rd Battn. A.Coy. 2nd Pltn.,
3rd A.A.H.,
DARTFORD.

W.Oman
London
26-4-18

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March 1st 1918.

To the
Secretary
Wells Enquiry Bureau

With reference to your enquiry about 6983 Pte. J.F. DARR. I do not know anything about this man

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yours fthlly
Cpl N. Lee.
DCM
3rd

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DARR
J.F. 6983
3 Battn
KinA. H.10.17

France
6-4-18

Dear Miss Deakin

Sgd Not Typed -

Re your letter of 5-3-18 asking for information regarding Pte J.E. Davis 6983. A Coy 3RD Battn A.I.F. I'm sorry to say your informant was mistaken in thinking I could give information about the person mentioned. I was in action on that day but know nothing of what you desire". Believe me to be yours truly

Hcpl. G. Matich
A Coy
3RD Battn
A.I.F.

This case is now cancelled
So we have not written
again to Hcpl Matich