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Captain
Davey

47th Battalion



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Havre

15th October. 1917.

47th AUSTRALIANS

DAVEY, Capt. L.

K. June 7th. 1917. Det. D/B.
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He was Capt. of my Company - D., /was killed when we were attacking on the 7th June, 1917 at the village of Messines. We had got past the front German line when a shell struck and killed him outright. He was lying in the open near the Railway line, about 3 miles from the Village, and then I returned wounded from the attack, about 3 hours after, his body was still lying there. The Germans never recovered the ground, and there would have been no difficulty for the men coming behind us after the action to have seen his body.

Informant: St. Ibbott, G.J. 1809
47th Australians, D.Co., XIV.Pln.
Havre Hospital Havre.

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Havre

16th Oct. 1917.

47th AUSTRALIANS

DAVEY, Capt. L.

K. 7.6.17. Det. D/B.

I saw a grave in the open near the Railway at the Sunken Road, Messines. There is a big water hole near it, and a mule track running alongside of it. There is a cross on it with the name, Capt. Davey, 47th Battalion. I could point out the spot.

Informant: Pte. F.R. Rowe, 2617
43rd Australians, B Co., 7th Pltn.,
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

I also saw the grave:-
Pte. C. Sole, 1865

36th Australians, B Co., 6th Pltn.,
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

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Havre

16th Oct. 1917.

47th AUSTRALIANS

DAVEY, Capt. L.

K. 7.6.17. Det. D/B.

He was in D Co. He was killed by a shell in the daytime out in the open at Messines. His body was recovered and brought in but I do not know where it was buried.

Informant: Pte. G. Ross, 2708
47th Australians, A Co.
No. 30 Amb. Train, Havre.

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47th A.I.F.

Davey Capt. F.I.

(K. June 7th 1917)

"Capt. Davey was killed during an advance in front of Messines on the 7th June by shell fire. He was killed instantly and was buried at Zareeba Farm about 1000 yds. in front of Messines. There is a cross over his grave. His father is a Col. in the R.A.M.C. in England and has been given all details".

Eye-witness: No, told by numbers of people in the Regt. of which I was Adjutant at the time.

Description: Abt. 5'7", dark, blue eyes, triangular mark across his nose, been in the Navy 8 years.

Informant: Capt. W.F. Eather,
47th A.I.F.,
3rd London General Hospt.,
Wandsworth.

Home address:
Bank of Queensland,
4 Queen Victoria St.

Oct. 22/17,
W.A. Davis.

A.I.F. 47.

DAVEY. Capt.L.

K. June 7th 1917.

This was at Messines, we were attacking and he was hit by shell and killed on the spot. We had come to a sunken road and he spoke to me just before and said we should have to move in a few minutes when the shell came over. A few moments after we had to move on and I lost track of him and cannot say any more about him. I think he would be buried near where he fell as I do not know of any cemetery near. He was our company commander.

Inf: Pte. J.E. Stokes. 2952 D.
13. Gen. Hosp.
BOULOGNE. 30.10.17.

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47th A.I.F.

Davey Capt. E.

(K. June 7/17 Det D/B)

"I saw Capt. Davey killed at Messines on June 7th. We were going in to take up our position behind the New Zealanders. We were about 300 yds. behind them when a shell came over and he was killed at once. He was leading B. Coy. at the time".

Eye-witness: Yes

Description: Clean shaven, 36-38, 5ft 7, used to talk very stylish.

Informant L I/Cpl. J. Boast 1880,
47th A.I.F., B. Coy. VII Plt.,
Tooting Military Hospt.

Home address:
Evelyn St.,
Newstead,
Sydney.

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47th A. I. F.

Davey, Capt. L.

(K. June 7th/17. Det: D & B)

"Capt. Davey had his brains blown out. It was by a shell, just before the push at Messines. The Battalion buried him at Messines and put up a tombstone to him. He was our Company Commander."

Eye-witness: Yes

Description:

Informant: Pte James Buckley, 4018,
47th A. I. F., D. Coy,
Weir Red Cross Hospital,
Balham, London, S.W.

Home address:
47th A. I. F.,
Bn. Hqrs.

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