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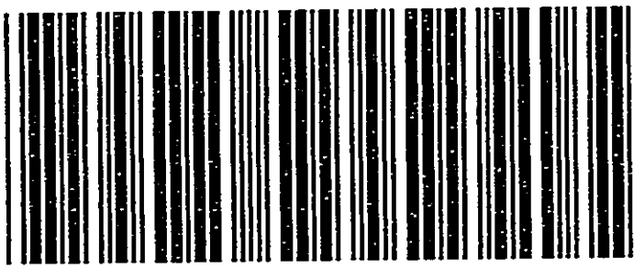
31079 Gunner Francis Septimus Evatt

1st Field Artillery Brigade



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36. GROSVENOR PLACE.
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10-12-18?

O.C.
12th C.C.S.
B.E.F.

31079.
F.S. Watt
1st Aust. Field Amb. Bgde

Dear Sir,

We have been asked by the relatives in Australia to obtain the fullest details possible of the wounds, death and burial of the above, who died in your Hospital on 28-9-18. and would greatly appreciate any information that you may send us.

As we have been informed by various C.O.'s and Adjutants that the receipt of notes of thanks only causes them unnecessary inconvenience, unless you ask us to acknowledge your reply to the above we will not do so, and trust that you will understand that we appreciate it none the less.

With apologies for troubling you,

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Deakin.

Secretary.

EWS

31079
Gnr F.S. Evatt
17th Bgde
D/W 29.9.18

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The Secretary,
Australian Red Cross Society,
Grosvenor Place,
London.

With reference to your enquiry overleaf, No. 31079, Gnr. F.S. Evatt, was admitted to the C.C.S. on 29.9.18., suffering from severe gun-shot wounds of the Chest, from which he died at 3.40 pm. the same day. He was buried in the Military Cemetery, TINCOURT, France, the following day, the Rev. H.A. Griffith, C.F. conducting the burial service.

A/ Lieut.-Colonel, R.A.M.C.,
O.C., 12 Casualty Clearing Station.

17.12.18.

A.I.F. 1st F.A.B.

EVATT
F.S.31079

"DIED OF WOUNDS 28.9.18"

Died of wounds at 12th Casualty Clearing Station 29.9.18
Cert. by Hpl. Index

Details not stated
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs List 6.12.18

London
7.12.18

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1st Brigade, 1st Battery,
A.I.F.

EVATT,
F.S. 31079.

"Died of wounds - 29th September 1918."

"I saw him wounded near the Hindenberg Line at Bray, he was hit by a piece of shell in the chest and shoulder. The casualty happened on the morning of the 29th September. He was taken to a Dressing Station and was conscious. He was at the guns at the time.

I did not know him very well, he had only been with the Battery for about 2 months. I cannot refer to anyone, nor give details of burial.

Informant:- Gunner Taylor, S.J.,
1st Battery, 1st Brigade,
3rd A.A.H. Dartford.

W, Oman,
London,
17-12-18.
J.E.A.

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A.I.F. 1.F.A. Bde.

EVATT
F.S. 31079. Gnr.

"died of Wounds 29.9.18."

No.31079 Gunner F.S. Evatt was admitted to the Casualty Clearing Stationcon the 29th September 1918, suffering from severe gunshot wounds of the chest, from which he died at 3.40 p.m. the same day. He was buried in the Military Cemetery, Tincourt, France, the following day, the Rev. H.A. Griffith conducting the burial service.

Letter from:- O.C.
12. C.C.S.
B.E.F.

London
4.1.19.

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A.I.F.
1st Divisional Artillery
1st F.A.Brigade.

EVATT, Gunner
F.S. No. 31079

"Died of Wounds 29-9-18"

Gunner Evatt was in my sub-section and I knew him well. I met him for the first time when he joined up in France. He was quite young, of nuggety build, fair and about 5ft.6 or 7" high. At Heninscourt, near the Hindenburg line I saw him hit with the fragment of a gas shell. He was taken first to a Dressing Station and then to a Clearing Station. He died at the Clearing Station on the same day. It was the 29th Sept. 1918.

Informant:- No. 12735, Sergt. J. Beckiton,
1st Field Artillery Brigade.

Private address:- Wanganella Post Office,
Via HAY. N.S.W.

W.C.W.
Victoria Barracks,
Sydney.
12/5/19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

1st. DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY A.I.F.
1st. Field Artillery Brigade.

EVATT F. S. Gunner
No. 31079.

Died of Wounds 29/9/18.

Informant described Evatt as about 5 feet 5 inches high, medium build, dark complexion, aged about 23 to 24.

Informant states that they both belonged to the 1st.Battery. On or about 22/9/18 the Battery was in action not far from Joncourt. About 7 a.m. the morning being a very foggy one, Evatt was walking from his dugout to his gun, when he was hit by a gas shell. Informant was about 100 yards away and did not see Evatt hit, but saw him just afterwards. Evatt was conscious but did not speak to anyone and at the time Informant saw him was being carried out by 2 or three members of his own subsection. He was taken to the Dressing Station which was close by and Informant never saw him again, but heard that he died of his wounds..

According to Informant Evatt was well thought of by his mates.

Informant:- Corporal F. H. Payne, 5489,
1st. Battery.

Home address:- 21 Fitzroy Street, Newtown.

W.E.G.
Anzac Buffet.
6/6/19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

A.I.F.
1st Divisional Artillery
1st Field Artillery Brigade.

EVATT, Gunner
F.S. No. 31079

"Died of Wounds 29-9-18".

We were in action. Evatt was at his gun, when he was hit by a piece of shell. I saw him hit and fall. It was reported two days after that he had died. He was buried at Tincourt on the Somme. I was not present. I think he had a brother in Sydney - a University teacher. I think Evatt was a medical student.

Informant:- 11084, Cpl. A. Krueger,
Davis Street,
ALBURY, N.S.W.
(1st Divisional Artillery, 1st F.A.B.)

G.S.A.
A.I.F. Furlough Bureau,
SYDNEY 12/6/19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

1st. DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY A.I.F.
1st. F. A. B.

EVATT F. S. Gunner.
No. 31079.

Died of Wounds 29/9/18.

Informant described Evatt as about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, fairly heavy build, aged about 20. Was a student at the University.

Informant states that they both belonged to the 1st. Battery. On 29/9/18 the Battery was near Bellicourt supporting the Americans who were in action. About 7 a.m. when Evatt was with his detachment firing their gun, he was hit by a gas shell. Informant was about 10 yards away and saw him just after he was hit. He also saw Evatt taken away in an unconscious condition to an American Dressing Station and never saw him again, but heard that he died. Informant could not tell me where Evatt was buried.

According to Informant Evatt was well thought of by his mates.

Informant:- Bdr. J. E. L. Tarrant, 5902,
1st. Battery.
Home address:- Market Street, Mudgee.

W.E.G.
Anzac Buffet.
13/6/19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.