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**4466 Private
Robert Harold Lennox**

20th Battalion



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A.I.P.
20th Bn.

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R.H. 4466

Killed in Action 13.7.13.

Re-buried Villers Bretonneux Mil. Cem. 62.D.O.17.O.4.3.Plot ²80
Row B. Grave 5.

Cert. by Capt. Spedding's list 15.8.19. Sheet No 178.

Approved to read

London.
3.10.19.

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A.I.F. 20th Battn.

LENNON
R.R.4466

"KILLED IN ACTION 13/7/18"

Buried ^{Central} Mil. Cem. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles E.S.E. of Amiens.
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs List.

London
1/10/18

20th. Battn. A. I. F.

Lennox, R. H. No. 4466.

No. 6 Platoon. B. Company.

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Killed. July 31st. 1918. Det. D/B.

We were on fatigue at Villers Brettonneux laying cables. One of the boys put a pick into a bomb exploding it and wounded about 13 of our party including Lennox. He was taken back to the Dressing Station by the Stretcher Bearers where he died the same night. It happened between 9 and 10 p.m. I went with him back to the Dressing Station. He was buried at the tunnel near Villers Brettonneux, there were a lot of other graves there, but it was not a cemetery. I was not present at his burial, but saw a cross after it had been erected over his grave, with full details on it. I knew him well, was in the same platoon No. 6. and were both in the same section of Machine Gunners.

Description. Age. 20. Height. 5-7. Dark Complexion. Very Slight Build.

Witness. Pte. Ramsay, A. C. No. 6560. B. Company. 20th. Battalion.

Taken at.
No. 4. C.D. Hurdcott.
25. 10. 18.

C. H. Brown,
No. 4. Command Depot,
Hurdcott.

20th. Battn. A. I. F.

Lennox, R. H. No. 4466.

No. 6 Platoon. B. Company.

13

Killed. July 31st. 1918. Det. D/B.

I was on fatigue with Lennox and several others laying cables just in front of Villers Brettonneux between 10 and 11 p.m. on the above date. One of the party struck a bomb with his pick which exploded, and wounded about 14 of the party including Lennox. He was taken away by the Stretcher Bearers but died on the way down to the dressing station. I could not give any particulars of his burial. I knew him well, was in same platoon for over six months.

Description. Height. 5-7. Dark Complexion. Medium Build.

Witness. Pte. Symes, H. No. 4285. B. Company. 20th. Battalion.

Taken at.
No. 4. C.D. Hurdcott.
25. 10. 18.

C. H. Brown,
No. 4. Command Depot,
Hurdcott.

20th Batt.
A.I.F.

LENNOX.
R.N. 4466.

"Killed in Action" 13-7-18"

I remember that Pte Lennox (20.B.H.Q.) met with an accident, on July 31st in front of Villers Bretonneux. I was out on a fatigue party with him that night, digging a cable trench. I think someone hit a Mill's grenade. It was buried, and they came upon it digging. He was wounded and died shortly afterwards. It was such a dark night that I did not see him, although I heard the explosion. I am sorry that I do not know where he was buried. The ground was held.

Eye-Witness:- MC.

Description:- Single, short, young about 19/80.

Home address:-

48 Wardell Rd.

Petersham. Sydney N.S.W.

Informant:- Delaney Harold. 1697. Sgt.

(A very Intelligent Sergeant quite reliable)

20th Batta. A.I.F. B.71.

3rd S.G. Hpl Wingfield Sec:
OXFORD.

Hilda M. Richard-Cambridge.

Location.

1-11-18.

M.I.S.

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A.I.F. 20th Batta.

LENNOX
R.N. 4466

"KILLED IN ACTION 13.7.18"

I could not say exactly where Lennox was buried but he was killed accidentally at Villers Bretonneux on 31.7.18. He was one of a fatigue party burying (laying) a cable when the pick of one of the men struck a bomb which exploded and killed several of the party Lennox among them. The Battalion Hqrs should be able to tell you where he was buried. Death was instantaneous, ground was held.

Informant:- 5552 Cpl. Vernon H. Cohen, (Correct as to
20th Batta., A.I.F., death details
B Company, Very intelligent)
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Home address:- 51, Gloucester Road,
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F. Watkinson.

19.10.18

London

5.11.18

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