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4792 Private
John James Kelly

23rd Battalion



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A.I.F. 23rd Bn.

KELLY
John J. 6792

"REPATRIATED PRISONER OF WAR"

Arrived Dover 6/12/18
Cert. by List from A.I.F. Hqrs 9/12/18

London
[illegible]/12/18

OFF. M.

23rd Battn.
A.I.F.

Kelly.
John J. 4792.

"Missing 20.3.17"

Prisoner of War. Interned at Limburg a/Lahn.

Cert, by information from German List dated 3.5.17.

London.
28.5.17.

Off.M.

23rd A. I. F.,

Kelly, J.J., 4792,
B. Company,

M. 20.3.17.

"I saw Kelly buried near the village of Vaulx. He was reported missing on the 20th March when we had to withdraw from our attack near Vaulx. About 3 weeks later when we regained the ground Kelly's body was found and buried close to where he was found. Kelly was in my Company and Platoon and I knew him well and I recognised the body when it was recovered. He was a machine gunner and a tall dark man."

Eye Witness: Saw body.

Description:

Not sent on

Informant:-- Pte. Robt. Wm. Allbutt, 280,
23rd A. I. F., B. Company, 5 Pltn.,
2nd Southern General Hospital,
Southmead, Bristol.

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Home address:-- Pawydogg Crickhowell,
Brecknonshire, S. Wales.

22.5.17.
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23rd A. I. F. J. J. KELLY, 4792.

Missing 20.3.17.

Informant gave Co. as B, Pl. as 5, initials as J.J. and said Kelly was a M.Gnr. and was missing after the attack at Noreuil about two months ago. This attack failed but Noreuil was taken later and a number of bodies were found and buried. Among these C.Q.M.S. Laffan of B Co. told Informant about a month ago, was that of Kelly.

Reference: Pte. Allbutt, 280, B Co.
No.8 General, Rouen. 18.5.17.

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A.I.F. 23.

KELLY, J.J. 4792.
& 3 others.

M. March 20th 1917.

Chitts, Geisler, Hofmeyer and Kelly were on a Lewis gun team at Noreuil when we advanced in the early morning of March 20th. We retired about 1.30 or 2 p.m. Begbie who was on the same gun had come back for ammunition or something and was told to tell the team to retire. He came back and said they were going to stay where they were. Geisler was a good soldier. He may have doubted the correctness of the message. None of the gun crew were seen again. We were relieved the same day and only went in again on April 13th when we sent out a party and found Pepperell (cancelled as killed) We hoped the gun crew might be prisoners, but they might if dead have been buried by the 5th Div who followed us. Begbie in B.Coy went sick since and is away in hospital somewhere.

Inf: Pte A.J. Shaw. 5683. B.Coy.
No. 32 Stat.
BOULOGNE. 24.5.17. JT

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