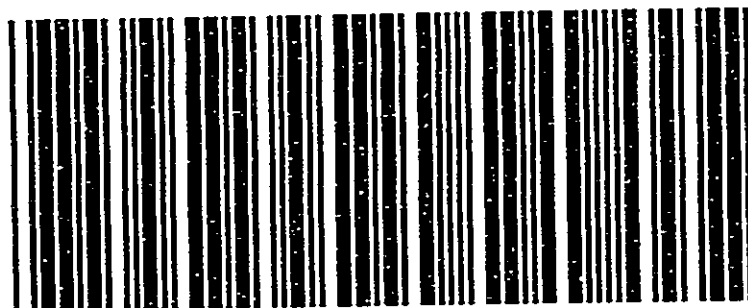


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4825 Private
Sydney Edmond Ellis

4th Machine Gun Company



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A.M.G.C. 4.

ELLIS, S.E. 4885

K. Oct 22nd 1917. Dets

I knew a man called Ellis in No 1 section and he was the only man of that name that I knew in the section. I did not know his initials or number. I did not know him well enough to give a description of him. I was told by L/Cpl. Jack Bell and Pte Perryp both of No 1 section that they were close to Ellis when he was killed about the 22nd Oct on the Passchendaele front. Ellis was killed in a sap with two other men. I believe his body was afterwards buried.

Inf: Pte G. Brown. 501A. 1 section
No. 3 Can. Gen. Hosp.
BOULOGNE. 4.3.18.

AGL

*Written to L/Cpl. Jack Bell
21/3/18.*

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A.I.F. 4. M.G.C.

ELLIS, S. E. 4825.

K. Oct. 22nd, 1917. Det. D/B

This man and two others were killed by one shell at Zonnebeke. They were buried together near where they fell, a little to the left of Zonnebekevillage, just over the "Sunken Road". I saw the cross which was to be put up to mark the grave, and it had the three names on it.

Inf. Thomas, 479. 4. M.G.C.
A.T. "Stad Antwerpen",
CALAIS. 5.3.18.

GGP.

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4th A.M.G.C.

Ellis Pte. S.E. 4825,

(K. Oct. 22nd 1917)

"Ellis was killed at Passchendaele. He was in a small dug-out when a shell came right through and killed 4 of them and he was buried close there. I saw the cross they made for him. Lt. E. Cloustan died of wounds near Anzac Ridge and was buried there. He died within an hour of being hit. Hearsay."

Eye-witness: No.

Description:

Informant: Pte. G.C.W. Thomas 479,
4th A.M.G.C.
Horton War Hospt.,
Epsom.

March 18th 1918,
E. Braidwood.

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6th A. I. F.

Ellis, Pts S.E. 4825,
4 Machine Gun Coy.

4 M.G.C

(K. Oct. 22nd/17. Dets. D/B).

"On Oct. 22/17 I and Ellis with 3 other men were in a dug out at Zonnebeke. About 1.30 a.m. a shell came over and struck the parados of the dug out. The explosion killed Ellis and two other men (Redman and Butler) who were asleep. They were blown almost beyond recognition, the same morning, about 5 yards behind the dug out, the three men were buried. I took part in burying them."

Eye-witness: Yes

Description: Ikey

Informant: Pte R.B. Gill, 3156,
4th M.G.C., A.I.F.,
1st Southern General Hospital,
Edgbaston, Birmingham.

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Home address:
Post Office,
25th March/18. Camel Western, Australia.
Dunkwater.

4th M.G. Coy.
A.I.F.

ELLIS
S.E. 4825

"Killed 22-10-17"

I saw him killed at Zonnebeke. He was completely buried by a shell, which exploded close to him. We dug him out as quickly as possible, but he was dead when we got him out. Casualty happened about midnight. I did not know him very well, as this was his first time in the line. He came from South Brisbane, Queensland. I saw his grave on the field, at place of casualty, which was marked with a Cross, bearing his No., name and unit.

Informant. Blaine Pte. E.H. 5534
4th M.G. Coy.,
3rd A.A.H.,
DARTFORD.

W. Oman
London
4-4-18

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4th Machine Gun Co.
A.I.F.

Ellis Pts. S.E. 4825,

(K. Oct. 22nd 1917)

"I was with Ellis at Zombembe in reserve Platoon not far from railway behind Passchendaele. A shell came over and he was killed in his sleep with two others at about 1 a.m. He was buried there at daybreak and a cross was erected."

Eye witness: Yes.

Description: Short, dark, spare, married, believed to be from Queensland.

Informant: Pts. P. Eclan 3412, 4th A.I.F., Machine Gun,
Southwark Military Hos: S.E.

Home address: Dept. of Agriculture,
Perth, Western Aus:

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1/Cpl. Jack. Bell.

no. 1. Section

5-Aus. Machine Gun Coy.

Aus. Imp. Force

B. E. F.

About.

4825. S. E. ELLIS.

no. 1. Section

5th Aus. Machine Gun Coy

Aus. Imp. Force

M. 22/10/17.

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21.3.18.
A. I. B.