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378 Sergeant
John George
Garbellini

22nd Battalion



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22nd A.I.F.

Garbellini G. 378.

(K. 3/5/17)

"Garbellini was Sgt. in charge of a post in the second old German line at Bullecourt on 3rd May. He was shot through the head and killed instantaneously. He was buried in the rear of the trench on the evening of the same day and the grave duly marked. He was buried by Cpl. T. Riley, 22nd A.I.F."

Eye-witness: No, told by Cpl. J. Riley, 22nd A.I.F.

Description:

Informant: Lt. J.A. Thwaites,
22nd A.I.F.,
3rd London General Hospt.,
Wandsworth.

Home address:

10/12/17,
H.J. Borton.

Written Cpl. Riley 31-12-17

22nd Batta.
A.I.F.

Garbellini.
G. 378

"Killed in Action 3.5.17"

Re Sgt. Garbellini who was in a shell hole situated about 200 yards in front of a newly captured trench was shot through the forehead by a sniper's bullet, death being instantaneous. His papers were taken from him and handed in to Battalion Headquarters. He had not been buried when we were relieved and I do not know whether he was buried later. He was medium height, thick set, square jaws and I think brown hair. He once told me in course of conversation that he came from up Pakenham way where his people have a farm.

Letter from:-

Cpl. T. Riley
6th Training Btn.,
Fovant.
13.1.18.

London
5.2.18.

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Notes.

29th. March. 1918. c

22nd. Australians.

Garbellini, G. No. 376.

K. 3rd. May. 1917. Data. D/B.

Garbellini and I joined together in Australia and came together in the original Battalion. He was tall, stoutish, dark, about 23, a Farmer in Civil Life and an all round athletic. He had been gassed, and in Hospital, but he rejoined his Unit and was in the Bullecourt attack in May as a M. G. Sergeant. During the action, he was crossing "No Man's Land", taking his M. G. Action, when he got a bullet in the head. Death was instantaneous. I was told by Lieut. Gawler, 21st Battalion, who was an eyewitness. Gawler is with his Battalion now, and could give full information.

Inf:- Private. O. J. Eull. No. 401.
22nd. Australians. H. G.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

Written to Lt. Gawler last.

PH.

5/4/18.

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(Lt. Gawler m.c.)*

31-12-17

Ch. J. Riley
2nd St. Bath

A. J. F.
Abroad

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G. Garbellini

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R/A 3-5-17

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Dear Mr Adams.

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Ref. No 378 Sgt. G. Garbellini

22nd Batt. K 3-5-17

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your letter dated 17/1/18.

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I hope that these particulars will be of some use to you.

Yours faithfully
J. D. Dyer, Capt.

137/17

To Lieut. F. Gawler M.C.

2nd Inf. Battalion

A. I. F.

P.O. F.

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Albert P.C.

378 G. Garbellini

22nd Inf. Battalion

~~A. I. F.~~

P.O. F.

Mailed 3/5/17.

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5/4/17