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**1533 Driver  
Joseph Flanagan**

**19th Battalion**



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Flanagan, Pte J. 1533,

(K. Sept. 18/17. Det D/B)

"Flanagan was in 19th Bn. Transport Section. He was going up with his wagons taking bombs to the front when a shell came and hit right under the limber of his wagon and the whole thing was blown up. He was killed instantaneously. I saw him lying dead on the side of the road. His pal Driver Frost was wounded at the same time. It was at a place called Hell Fire Corner about 2 miles behind the line on the Flanders front. The road could be seen by the Germans and was constantly shelled. I think Flanagan belonged to A. Coy. It happened in April? *September* about 17th or 18th. I know it was before the 20th".

Eye-witness: Yes

Description: Knew him to speak to, was young and clean-shaven, has a brother in the Battn.

Informant: Pte B.D. Robinson, 1112, 19 A.I.F., C,  
Fazakerley Hospital, Liverpool.

Home address:

7th Dec. 1917. The Avenue,  
Johnston. Grenfell, N.S.Wales.

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KILLED 18.9.17

Ypres Minin Road, was transporting bombs. We dont know if the bombs exploded or shell killed him. I saw him dead on road knew his colour and name. he was only transport man killed that day the Batt made a cross that I saw, but did not see the grave..

Informant;- Crowther, 1525.

D.P. Dickson.

London.  
15.2.18.

Note;- We regret the delay in typing the above report, but we have been obliged to hold it up on account of pressure of work and shortage of machines..

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FLANAGAN, J. 1533

K. 18.9.17. Det. D/B.

I knew Pte. Joseph Flanagan. He was under me in the Transport Sect., and I saw him killed instantly at Hell Fire Corner outside Ypres, about Sept. 18, 1917 in the afternoon. He was driving a limber loaded with Mills Bombs, and suddenly it blew up. He was under shell fire at the time. I recognized his body after the explosion. I helped to bury him in a Military Cemetery on the right of Hell Fire Corner, and put a cross on his grave.

Informant: Sergt. O. Dunn, 14  
19th Australians, Transport Sect.,  
Australian Camp, Ronelles.

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FLANAGAN, J. 1533

K. 18.9.17. Det. D/B.

I have known Flanagan over 2 years. He lived at Paddington, in the suburbs of Sydney. He was wounded in the Dardanelles and joined us in Egypt. He was an Battn. Transport. About 6 o'clock on the evening of the 19th Sept. the Battn. were on the way into the trenches from billets at Dickebusch. Beyond Ypres, about 8 miles along the Menin Road, several enemy shells came in. One of these fell just in front of Flanagan and the horses of the ~~transport~~ *limber* of Trench Mortars, which he was driving, blowing him and them to pieces. I saw his remains. The Y.M.C.A. removed these for burial.

Informant: Pto. F. Young. 72  
19th Australians, D Co., 16th Pltn.,  
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FLANNAGAN  
J 1533

"Killed" a Sep. 18th 1917"

Was called "Hoe" Was in the transport section and came over in 1st reinforcement of 19th Battalion. He was a carting ammunition up to the line. and they weren't sure whether his ammunition blew him up or whether he was knocked by a shell. I did not see him actually hit but saw his body immediately afterwards. He was badly knocked about. I do not know where he was buried but I know they made a cross for his grave. It happened on the Ypres Menin Road on Sep. 18th.

Witness:-

F.A. Crowther 1525  
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29.12.17.

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