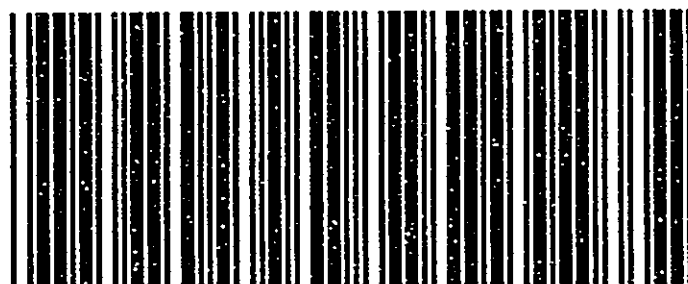


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**2893 Private
Robert Francis Kincaid**

2nd Pioneer Battalion



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Havre

21st January.1918.

2nd AUSTRALIAN PIONEERS

KINCAIRD. 2893

Z. Oct. 10th.1917. Det. D/B.

I knew him very well. He was in A. Co., 1. Pltn. He lived in Victoria; he was a farmer. On the 10th October, near Zonnebeke, we were taking up duck boards. I saw Kincaird hit by a whizz-bang; he got hit in the body and legs. He was unconscious, and died in a few ~~seconds~~ minutes. Two days after, I saw him buried where he was killed. A ~~Regimental~~ Cross was put on his grave with his name etc. on it. I was passing his grave a few days afterwards, and I noticed the cross had been blown some yards away from the grave by a shell. There were very few graves about there.

Informant: Ft. A.J. Corkill, 1910

2nd Australian Pioneers, A.Co., 1.Pltn.
Havre Hospital. Havre.

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Havre

28th January.1918.

2nd AUSTRALIAN PIONEERS

R.F. KINCAIRD
KINCAIRD, 2893

Z. Oct. 10th.1917. Det. D/B.

He was in A.Co. I know Kincaird pretty well. I came over with him in the 4th reinforcement in July 1916. We were on the Ypres Sector at Westhoek Ridge, about the 10th Oct. We were being heavily shelled. We were making a road. I was working close by Kincaird. I saw a shell drop near him; he was hit in the ~~head~~ head and killed instantly. I went up and looked at him. I saw him buried next day close to where he was killed, and saw a cross put on his grave; a good cross with his name etc. on it. The place was on the Corduroy Road off the Menin Road.

Informant: Ft. T.C. Quinn, 2427

2nd Australian Pioneers, A.Co.
Havre Hospital, Havre.

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2nd. Pioneers. A.I.F.

Kincail/d. R. Spr. NO.2893.

Killed Oct 10th 1917. Det. D.B.

I saw him killed by a shell, he was badly hit in the thigh. We were making the Corduroy Road at the time close to the Menin Road. He was buried close to where he died, a party from the coy formed the burial party, I could not say if there was any cross erected. I knew him well, we came over together with the 6th reinf of the coy, leaving Melbourne Oct 1916. He came from Victoria.

Description. Age. 20. Height. 5-7. Complexion. Dark. Medium Build.

Witness. Spr. Hughes.N.A. NO.2886. 2nd. Pioneers.

Taken at
NO.4.C.D.Hurdcott.
2-2-18.
F.G.H.

S. Whitmee.
NO.4.Command depot.
Hurdcott.

Havre

2nd February 1918.

2nd Aust. Pioneers.

KINCAID

Kincaird No. 2893.

K. 10th Octr 1917. Det D/B.

He was my cousin. He was tall, well built, dark, about 19, came from Gibb'sland, Victoria, was a farm hand in civil life, and was known as 'Bob'.

On the 10th October the Pioneers were working beyond Zonnebake village, when a shell fell and Kincaird was hit. Death was instantaneous. I didn't see it, but 7 days after I was taken to his grave in the open ground quite close to Zonnebake village. I could point out the place. We held the ground.

Inf:- Gunner A. Kincaird No. 1020.

10th A.F.A. 39th Batty.

Australian Camp.

Rouelles.

M.

Havre

11th February 1918.

2nd Aust. Pioneers.

KINCAID

Kincaird R.F. No. 2893.

K. 10th Octr 1917. Det D/B.

He was in A. Company. I knew him slightly. We were near Westhook Ridge about the 10th October. I was told that Kincaird was killed by a shell and that he was buried in the open near Westhook Ridge. There was no cemetery near. I saw a cross with his name on it being sent up to be put on his grave.

Inf:- Sergt. E.F. Read No. 3532.

2nd Aust. Pioneers. A.Co.

Havre Hospital.

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2nd Pioneers Btn.

KINCAID, R. F.
Pte. 2893

Killed in action 10/10/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5 ft. 8 ins. well built, dark complexion, about 20 years of age, known as "Bob". He was a 6th Rfcts. of the 2nd Pioneers and he embarked in the "Port Lincoln". Casualty was making the road known as the Corduroy at Hell Fire Corner, Ypres. I was in the same party. An. H.E. shell exploded near Casualty killing him instantly and Pte. B. Parsons. I was 50 yds. from Casualty at the time of his death. His chief wounds were about the body and legs. He was buried just near where he fell and I witnessed the burial."

Informant:- Pte. B.P. O'Sullivan,
No. 2920

Private address:-
62 Wattle Tree Road,
Malvern.

T.C.F.
17/5/18.

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2nd Pnrs. Btn.

KINCAID, R. F.
Pte. 2893.

Killed in action 10/10/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a short man, well built, dark complexion, about 22 years of age, known as "Bob". Casualty was on a fatigue party at Zonnebeke. I was in the same party. An H.E. shell exploded near Casualty a piece entering his hip killing him almost instantly. I was 20 yds. away at the time the shell exploded and I saw his body immediately afterwards lying in the open. He was buried almost in Zonnebeke Village in the open field."

Informant:- Pte. T. J. Edmondson,
No. 2633, 2nd Pnrs. Btn.

Private address:-
Barnawartha, Vic.

T.C.F.
28/2/19.

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2nd Pioneers.

RIGGARD, R.F.
Pte. No. 2898

Kid. in act. 10.10.17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5' 8", slightly built, dark complexion about 19 years of age, known as "Bobbie". Casualty was carrying duck boards from Menin Road to Zonnebeke. I was in the same party. He was killed by shell fire, but I did not see him killed. I saw his body shortly afterwards. He was most severely wounded in the abdomen, and he was buried in the town of Zonnebeke."

Informant:- J.G. Nevill.
No. 3188

Private address
Malden P.O.
Victoria.

M. C. S.uff

C.O.F.
4.4.19.

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