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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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6246 Private Herbert Ramsay Forrest

9th Battalion



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Name.	Number and Unit.	Inquiry and Remarks.
Forrest Pte.H.	6426 - 9th Btn.	K in A. 24/4/18 Mrs. Forrest Hopetown St. Doomben BRISBANE

Re S. 8. 18

A.I.F.
9th. Battn.

FORREST,
H.R. 6246

"In Hospital 29.4.17."

Admitted 8th. aGeneral Hospital 20.4.17. Wounded arm and leg.

Trans. 1st. Southern General Hospital 29.4.17.
Cert. by Hospital Index.

Still in Hospital doing well.
Cert. by letter rrom O.C. 25.5.17

London.
28.5.17.

B.

A.I.F. 9th Btn

FORREST
H.R. 6245
not6426

"K/Action"

Killed in action 24-4-18
ert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 4-6-18.

LONDON
4-6-18

B

9th Battn.
A.I.F.

FORREST
H.R. 6246

"Killed 24-4-18"

He was in C.Coy. and I saw him killed at Meteren, when he lived about 2 hours and was conscious all the time. I was with him most of the time and he never left any messages with me. He was hit by pieces of shell in the neck and was dead when I left him. Casualty happened about 3 p.m. on 24-4-18. I was wounded half an hour later, being in action at the time, and having to go on after about an hour's halt. I cannot give any particulars of burial, but he was sure to be buried, for his body was taken back for burial. I cannot refer to anyone.

Informant. Kenward. Pte.C.F. 2061
C.Coy. 9th Battn.,
3rd A.A.H.,
DARTFORD.

W.Oman
London
7-6-17
C.E.A.

B.

9th Battn.
A.I.F.

FORREST.
H.R. 6246.

"Killed in Action" 24-4-18.

Forrest(of I think C.Coy) who was killed at Strazeele on April 24th 1918 was buried, I think, in Bodre Cemetery.
The ground was held.

Eye-Witness:- Nc.
Description:-

Home Address:-
P.O.Rockhampton.
Queensland.

(very intelligent)
Informant:- Edward O'Keefe,5442.
9th Battn.A.I.F.
Red Cross Hpl.
CHRISTCHURCH.

J.Watkinson.
London.
27-6-18.
N.W.

B,

9th Battn.
A.I.F.

FORREST
H.R. 6246

"Killed 24-4-18"

At Meteren, he was killed by M.G. fire, in the attack. I helped to bring him in, and also helped to bury him behind the line, on side of road. Cross was put up with 6 names on, etc., of the 9th Battn. killed there.

Informant. Lillie. #833
Ward 39,
HAREFIELD.

D.F.Dickson
London
5-7-18
M.I.S.

B.

Havre. 8th. July. 1918.

9th. Australians. Forrest, H. R. 6246.
Dunbar, Sergt. C.A. 3280. cancelled

K. April. 24/1918. Date. D/B.

Sergeant Dunbar & Private Forest were both in C. Coy. & were killed at Ploegsteert. I did not see them but S/Bearer Private. J. W. Jewel. C. Coy. 9th. Pltn, told me about it. He will be able to give all details of burial. He is with his Unit now.

Inf:- Private. H. Wilson. 6115.
9th. Australians. C. 11.
Australian Conv. Camp.
Rouelles.

RDM.

Havre. 13th. July. 1918.

9th. Australians. Forrest, H. R. 6246.
Clark, P. 6001.

K. April. 24/1918. Dets. D/B.

They were both Privates in C. Coy; 9th. Bltn. Clark was about 22, medium height & build. Forrest was about 22, tall, thin, fair, clean-shaven. I was close to them when ~~kh~~ we were going over at Peteren about midnight about April 24th. 1918. They were both killed instantly by M. G. Fire along with all the Platoon; about 8 men. We did not take~~d~~ our objective. They are both buried in our support lines & their names were put in bottles which were left on the Graves for the information of those who were to erect Crosses on them. I could ~~point~~ point out the spot.

Inf:- Private. R. S. Pascoe. 1705.
9th. Australians. C. 10.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

RDM. CP.

9th A.I.F. Forrest. Pte. H.R. 6246.

(K. April 24/18.)
Dets. D/B.

"I saw Forrest hit by a machine gun at Meteren and killed early in May about 2 a.m. The Coy. stretcher bearers told me they had buried him by the roadside on the edge of the village. I have communicated with his mother and told her all I knew."

Eyewitness: Yes.

Description:

Informant: Pte. H. Christenson. 6241.
9th A.I.F.
Princess Xtian Hospital,
Weymouth.

Home address:
Goondoon Station,
Mt. Perry Line,
Blindonberg.

8.7.18.
C.Stephenson. N.W.

B

9th Bttn. A.I.F.

FORREST.
H.R. 6246.

"Killed 24-4-18."

Of C.Coy, IX Pltn. At Heterma during our attack on morning of 24th April. Forrest was killed alongside me-hit in the head and elsewhere, he lingered about 10 min, was not in pain, asked me to let his people know. That was all he said. He was removed by S/B's and buried with others behind ourlines.Enlisted from Queensland. "

Informant - Cpl now Sgt. Thorley, 4294,
9th Bttn, C.Coy, IX pltn.
Harefield.

A.D.G.
15-7-18.

B.

H.W.

9th Bttn. A.I.F.

FORREST.
H.R. 6246.

"Killed in Action 24-4-18."

Of C.Coy, I helped to take Forrest and others out the day after our attack -(25th April)- Helped to bury him, Pte.Clark, Sgt. Denchar of 9th Bttn,C.Co. and three others.Grave near Meterne Bailleul Rd. about ½ mile from Village of Meterne. Cross erected with names on, also paper with names written down placed in bottle and put into ground over the grave. Private effects handed into Battalion H/Qs.

Informant:- Pte.A.G.Lillie, 4833, S/b
9th Battalion, C.Coy.
HAREFIELD.

A.D.G.
London.
16-7-18.

B.

h. W.

9th Bttn. A.I.F.

FORREST.
H.R. 6246.

"Killed 24-4-18. Dat. D/B."

I saw Forrest killed outright by pieces of shrapnel, seemed to get him all over, while in attack at Hetern. This about 3.30 a.m. He was close to us at the time.

I was wounded that day and can't say as to burial but Cpl. T.Thorley, C.Co, IX Pltn, now at Lederstone Hos. London, was there later and was N.C.O. of the section and could give the information.

Informant:- Kenward. C.F. 2061,
9th Bttn. C.Coy, IX Pltn,
Hut 9, Westham.

W.A. Rand.
London.
16-7-18.

B.

C.H.W.

[redacted]

TELEPHONE: VICTORIA 6656.

Wounded and Missing Enquiry Bureau
AUSTRALIAN BRANCH
British Red Cross Society and Order of St. John,
54, VICTORIA STREET, S.W.

To The Officer Commanding

1st Southern Gen. Hosp.

23.5.17, 1916.

Dear Sir,

We have been requested by our Australian Bureau to obtain a bulletin and ascertain the nature of the sickness or

wounds of 6246 Pte. H.R. Forrest 9th Bn. A.I.F.,

who was admitted to your hospital 29.4.17.

We should be most grateful for any particulars you can supply.

We regret having to trouble you in the matter, but are desirous of allaying the anxiety of the relatives so far distant in Australia.

Yours faithfully, Vera Deakin

for V.M., The Secretary.

Still in Hosp. Doing well.

OC
1 South Gen.
B'ham.
25/5/17.