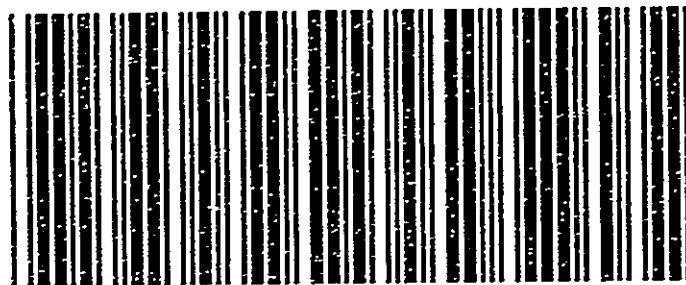


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1016A Gunner  
Arthur Gerald Gilligan

12th Field Artillery Brigade



1170107H

46th Battery.  
A.P.A.

Gilligan.  
Gnr. A. C. 1016A

"Died of Wounds"

Gnr. Gilligan died in this Hospital at 1.20.a.m. 30.10.17 from contusions of the Back and internal abdominal injury caused through being buried by shell fire. He was buried in Lyssenthoeck Cemetery Map Location Sheet 27. Square L.22. D6.3. plot 21B2. Grave 17.B.

Letter from:-

The O.C.  
3rd Can.C.C.Stn.  
9.2.18.

London.  
12.2.18.

H.

Havre

24th January 1918.

12th Aust. F.A. 46th Batty.

Gilligan A.C. No. 1016 A

D/W 30th Octr 1917. Det D/B.

I knew him slightly, I think he came from Victoria.  
On the 30th Octr we were at Observatory Ridge near  
Ypres. A shell dropped near the gun and blew a Capela which  
was lying down by the gun into Gilligan's stomach.  
He was carried to the D/Station and died there. This  
was officially reported to the orderly room.

Inf:- Gunner W.A. Marcombe No. 20832.  
12th A.F.A. 46th Batty  
~~Intervation~~ Havre Hospital.

HFG.

M

Navre

25th January 1916.

12th A.F.A. 46th Batty.

Gilligan A.C. No. 1015A.

D/W 30th Octr 1917. Det A/B.

He was short and stout, aged about 23. I saw him killed. He was buried in his dugout by a shell and was dead when he got out. This was at Ypres about the end of October.

His body was brought down to Dickbusch - I remember seeing it at the waggon lines - and I think he was buried in the cemetery at Dickbusch. We buried most of our casualties there, but I could not get to his funeral and cannot say for certain.

Inf:- Gunner A.E. Trim No. 389.  
12th A.F.A. 46th Batty.  
Australian Camp.  
Reuilles.

GAE.

M

A.F.A. 12.46

GILLIGAN, A.G. 1016A

D/W Oct 30th 1917. Dets.

I knew a man called Gilligan. He was in <sup>F</sup> sub-section 46th Bty and the only man of that name in the battery. I did not know his initials or his number. I believe he came from Victoria. He was of medium height, thin, fair, sharp featured clean shaven and about 30 or a little more. I don't know if he was married. I was told by Bdr J. Martin (now a battery clerk) who was a great friend of Gilligan's that he was in a dugout close to Gilligan's dugout when a shell fell in it and after the explosion Martin went to see what had happened to Gilligan. He found him mortally wounded and unconscious. I heard after that Gilligan had D/W. This occurred about the 30th Oct and I think it was on the Ypres front. I heard Gilligan was buried but I can't remember where.

Inf: Cnr J.J. Evert. 16013. 12.46. A subsect.  
No. 3 Can. Gen. Hosp.  
BOULOGNE. 29.1.18. AGL

M

46th Batty.  
12th Bgde.  
A.F.A.

GILLIGAN,  
R.G.1016A.

"Died of Wounds 30.10.17."

Refer to Sgt. G. Johnson, 46th Batty, 12th Bgde, who is now in France. He saw him killed at Ypres, and can give full details of death and burial.

Informant:- Gnr. M. Mulroy 25441,  
46th Batty, 12th Bgde.  
S.A.A.H.  
Dartford,

W. Oman.

London.  
25.2.18.

NOTE Written Sgt. Johnson 23.2.18.

M.

12th Bgde. 46th Batty. F.A.

Gilligan, A.G. Gnr. NO. 1016A.

D/W. Oct 30th 1917. Det. D.B.

He was badly wounded by a shell blowing in his dugout at Zonnebeks. He was taken to the dressing station, then sent to Etaples where he died. It is certain for him to be buried. I knew very little of him.

Witness: Gnr. Ogden, J. NO. 54092. 12th Bgde Field Artillery.

Taken at  
No. 3.C.D. Hurdcott.  
5-3-18.  
F.G.H.

S. Whitmee.  
NO. 4. Command Depot  
Hurdcott.

M.  
Ca 10/11

46th Btry. F.A.

GILLIGAN, A. G.  
Gnr. 1016a.

Killed in action 30/10/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5 ft. 8 ins. well built, medium complexion, about 30 years of age. He was transferred from the 14th Battalion to the Artillery. Casualty was in his dug-out at battery position, Zillabake. An H.E. shell exploded on the dug-out a piece of iron from the dug-out fell on Casualty severely wounding him. He was removed to the Advanced Dressing Station where he died on entering. I was 30 yds. away at the time he was injured."

Informant:- Pte. T. J. Gibbs.  
No. 1569, 46th Btry. F.A.

Private address:-  
Gowangardie South,  
Violet Town, Vio.

T.C.F.  
14/10/18.

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46th Btry. F.A.

GILLIGAN, A. G.  
Gnr. 1016a.

X. in act. 30/10/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man of medium build, 5 ft. 9 in fair complexion, about 25 years of age. Casualty was in gun position. An H.E. shell exploded alongside a piece entering his abdomen mortally wounding him. He died at the Regimental Aid Post and I saw his body. I was 10 yds. away at the time. I do not know where he was buried."

Informant:- Pte. N. Parker,  
No. 255, 46th Btry. F.A.

Private address:-  
6 Ridgeway Street,  
Kensington.

!!! - ed suff.

H.A.P.  
7/3/19.

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Dear Sir,

We have been asked by the relatives in Australia to obtain the fullest details possible of the wounds, death and burial of the above who died in your Hospital on *Oct. 30. 1917* and would greatly appreciate any information that you may send us. *Oct. 29. 1917.*

With apologies for troubling you.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

*K. A. R. K. K.*  
SECRETARY.

NOTE. We have been informed by various C.O.'s and Adjutants that the receipt of notes of thanks only causes them unnecessary inconvenience. Unless you ask us to acknowledge your reply to the above, we will not do so, and trust that you will understand that we appreciate it none the less.

The O.C.

3 Can. C.C. H.

B. Q. F.

10162 Pte A. G. Gilligan. 46th B. Field Artillery. A.I.F.

3366 Pte J. N. Dole. 14 M. G. Coy. A.I.F.

5/2/18.



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*D. J. was:*  
No. 1016A. Gnr. GILLIGAN, A., 46th Bty, A. F. Art.,  
Died in this Hospital at 1:20 a.m., 30/10/17,  
from contusions of the Back and internal abdominal  
injury caused through being buried by shell fire.

He was buried in Lyssenthoek Cemetery, Map Location  
Sheet 27, Square L 22, D6.3, plot 21B2, Grave 17 B. *M.*

*S. J. was:*  
*14 M. 9. Cor. 1st*  
No. 3366, Pte. Dole, J., 21st Aust. Battn.  
Died in this Hospital at 7:15 a.m., 29/10/17,  
from G.S.W. Chest, Left thigh and foot.

He was buried in Lyssenthoek Cemetery, Map location  
Sheet 27, Square L 22, D6.3, plot 21E2, Grave 1 B. *M.*

*J. B. 4400*  
Lt Col. C.A.M.C.  
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