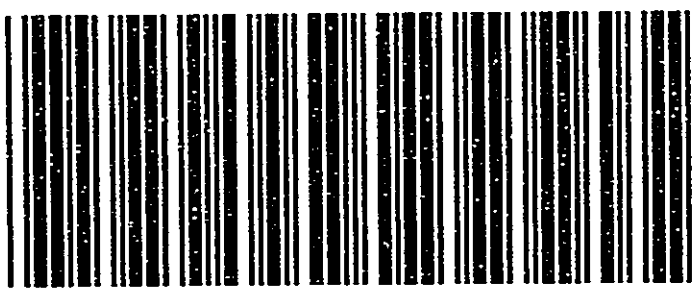
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3415 Sergeant
Patrick Joseph Morgan

58th Battalion



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Havre. 24th. October. 1918.

58th. Australians. Morgan, P. J. 3415.

K. August. 31/1918. Dets. D/B.

I knew Sergeant Pat Morgan, D. Company, about 30, tall, slim, fair, clean-shaven; a great sport at boxing and football. I saw his body lying in supports about the end of August 1918 at Doyet ? just outside of Peronne. We held the ground. I cannot say where he is buried.

Inf:- Private. A. A. Brown. 579.
58th. Australians. C. 12.
Australian Conv. Camp.
Rouelles.

RDM.

CP.

58th Battn.
A.I.F.

MORGAN
Sgt.P.J. 3415

"KILLED 31-8-18"

Informant states that P.J.Morgan was killed by a Shell on the morning of 31st August and that he found his body. Morgan was buried by his own Battn.B.Coy. at Peronne. His grave had a wooden cross put at the head. The Cross was painted white, with a rising sun on the top painted in black and underneath his Regt.colours, purple and red, and his No,, rank, name and Battn. and date. Wire was placed round his grave and an inscription written "Buried by his Comrades" Informant knew Morgan intimately, but describes him as Sgt. whereas in the list he is described as Pte. Death was instantaneous. The ground was held.

Informant - Hampson.Sgt.F.C.
(Excellent Witness)
58th Battn.
16 Lewis Crescent(Hos.)
BRIGHTON.

Home Address:-
92 Puckle Street
Moonee Ponds
Victoria.

G.Scott
17-10-18
London
1-11-18
H.G.

H.

58th Battn. A.I.F.

MORGAN
P.J. 3415.

Killed in Action 31.8.18.

I knew Sgt.Pat Morgan personally, although he was not in my Company. He was respected by everyone, and beloved by all. We were on a ration party together about August 31st, a day or two before we took Peronne, a big shell came over and he was killed instantaneously. I did not see him hit, although I was not far off, as I was on the same party that night. He was buried I know from Hdgrs. but cannot say where. The ground was held. Description:- From Surrey. original. 9th Reinforcements. 6foot high, a very fine man.

Informant:- 3402.Pte.Bert R.Jones (quite intelligent)
58th Battn., A.Coy.,
3rd Platoon, A.I.F.,
3rd Southern Gen.Hospital,
Radcliffe Buildings,
Oxford.

Home Address:- 18 Birkenhead Street,
N. Fitzroy,
Melbourne.

Hilda.M.Pickard Cambridge,
22.10.18.
London,
1.11.18.
H.G.

H.

58th Battn. A.I.F.

MORGAN.
Pte. S.P.J 3415.

Killed in Action 31.8.18.

I saw Sgt.P.J. Morgan hit by a shell, in the chest and about the body, on the outskirts of Peronne and killed instantaneously. I was about a couple of yards away from him, this was about the end of Aug. in the night. We wnt out and fetched his body in the morning, and buried him near where he fell. One of our chaps read the burial service over him. The grave was fixed up, and a cross placed on it, about the 26th or 27th September before we left for the big advance. The ground was held. Description:- About 6ft. rather stout build, called "Pat".(Inf: also knew that Pt.H.V.Morey was buried in Peronne & could state exact spot. He knew no other details)

Informant:- 2153.L/Cpl.A.D.Dawe (Intelligent & careful)
58th Battn., A.I.F.
Princess Christian Hospital,
Weymouth.

Home Address:- Port Fairy,
Victoria,
Australia.

C.Stevenson,
25.10.18.
London,
1.11.18.
H.G.

H.

58th Battn.
A.I.F.

MORGAN.
P.J. 3415.

"Killed in Action 31-8-18"

He was in B.Company. 7th Platoon. I knew him well. There was no other Morgan in the Company. He was tall, 6ft 1. fair and 27 years. At Peronne on Aug 31st 1918 at about midnight, as we were holding the trenches Morgan was sent out with others as a fatigue party for rations. They had nearly got back when a piece of shell got Morgan in the body and killed him outright. I saw him dead. Sgt (now Lieut) Williamson. took the body away for burial next day. Williamson belonged to same Company but 8th Platoon.

Informant:- G.Stewart.4894.
58th Battn. B.Coy. 5th Pl.
A.16.DARTFORD.

W.M.Kennedy.
London.
5-11-18.
H.G.

Note:- Written Lieut Williamson 25-10-18.

H.

A.I.F. 58. MORGAN. P.J. 3415.

K. 31.8.1918. Dets.

He was killed in the night time on this side of Peronne. I did not see casualty but signaller Fox, (No. not known, but in B.Co) told me he was at the time on a fatigue party, with him carrying rations and I also know that Lieut.Williamson, at that time C.S.M. buried him. I have seen the grave about ½ a kilometre this side of Peronne in the open, near where an old German hospital used to be. Grave has the Bn. cross and colours. Big, tall man about 6ft 2; came over with the 9th Reinf. One of the best fellows we have had, liked by everybody and as brave as could be.

Inf: Pte.E.Warner. 283. B.Co.
Billets,
BOULOGNE. 4.11.1918.

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Havre. 6th. November. 1918.

58th. Australians. Morgan, P. J. 3415.

K. August. 31/1918. Dets. D/B.

I knew Sergeant Patrick J. Morgan, B. 7. a farmer from Victoria. I saw his Grave, with a large Cross on it, in the open about one kilometre from Peronne going towards Corbie and about half a kilometre to the right of the road. He was very popular amongst the boys and they made a special Cross for his Grave.

Inf:- Private. W. Gouge. 2043.
58th. Australians. B. 7.
Australian Conv. Camp.
Rouelles.

RDM.

OP.

58th Battn. A.I.F.

Morgan,
Sgt.P.J.5415.

Killed in Action 31.8.18.

At Peronne 2½ kilometers from Village near 5th Divisional Wing. I saw his grave, he is buried on his own about 200 yards off the Peronne Road. I was at the Wing. Knew Morgan well, and noticed his grave Cross up. The grave was well done up.

Informant:- Turner. 2972.
W.17. 1st A.A.H.
Harefield.

D.P.Dickson,
30.10.18.
London,
8.11.18.
H.P.S.

M.

Havre. 18th. November. 1918.

58th. Australians. Morgan, P. J. 3415.

K. August. 31/1918. Dots. D/B.

I knew Sergeant Pat Morgan, B. Company, He came with the 9th. or 10th. to the 58th. Reinforcements. I saw his Grave in the open alongside the trench near the 53rd. C.C.S. about one kilometre from Peronne. There is a fine Cross on the Grave. It is near the Canal.

Inf:- Private. H. S. Grant. 3149.
58th. Australians. B. 8.
Australian Conv. Camp.
Roulles.

RDM.

CP.

58th Batn.,
A.I.F.

MORGAN,
P.J., 3415.

"Died of wounds - 31-8-18."

"On the morning of the 31st August 1918 he was in charge of a ration party, on his return with the rations about 4.30 a.m. and when he was within 50 yards of the Trench, he was killed by a shell. He spoke and said "I am done for", and died immediately, he was hit on both legs, side and chest. I buried and said prayers over him. The Map reference is 62.C.S.W. 0.2.D. 8-2. Buried on the field about one mile south-west of Peronne and about 500 yards west from the main Amiens Peronne road. His discription:- Height 6'1" light complexion, age about 25, In conclusion I may say that a better soldier never lived. He was a brave and good living man, we came away from Australia together and were friends, and it hurt me very hard when he was killed. I have already written to his brother giving him all the information possible.

Lieut. T. Williamson,
B. Coy., 58th Batn., A.I.F.,
France.

A.C.K.
London,
15-11-18.
D.W.B.

M.

A.I.F. 58th Battn.

MORGAN
P.J. 3415

"Killed 31/8/18."

I have seen the grave of Sgt. Patrick Morgan, (58.8) outside Peronne. A Cross was put up. We were out for a rest, and as I was told that he was buried near our camp, I went to look. There were no other graves there. The ground was held. Description:- Good looking, tall and big. 9th reinforcements.

Informant:- 3506, Pte. Eric Lubecke,
58th Battn A.I.F. (very intelligent)
C. Coy, 11, Platn.
3rd Southern General Hospital,
The Base. Oxford.

Home address:-
54, Church Street,
Geelong,
West.

Hilda M. Pickerd-Cambridge.
London
15.11.18.
H.G.

M.

58th Batn.,
A.I.F.

MORGAN,
P.J., 3415.

"Killed in action - 31-8-18."

"Believe date and number are right. Was told he was in charge of ration party, got tangled up in barbed wire and a 5'9" shell killed him and wounded about 6 others. He was hit in body and killed instantly. It was between 11 and 12 at night. Was buried next day by Sgt. T. Williamson, (now Lieut.). I saw him buried, was killed about 500 yards on right of Peronne and buried 800 or 900 yards further back. I had a good look at him as the burial party were carrying him out. He was a Sgt. in B. Coy., 58th Batn., fair well built, about 6 ft. and very well known in the Battalion.

Home address:-
41, Miller Street,
North Fitzroy,
Victoria.

Informant:- Sgt. G. Stewart, 4894,
B. Coy., 58th Batn.,
Dartford.

H.T. Cowan,
London,
15-11-18.
J.E.A.

H.

Havre 21st November 1918

58 A.I.F. MORGAN, P.J. 3415

K. 6th July 1918

Probably this refers to Sergeant P.J.Morgan of the 58th Battalion, who was a Staff Sergeant Major in Australia. He was killed by a shell near Peronne on the ~~3~~ 31st August, 1918 I have seen his grave near Peronne. I knew him well; about 6'0" in height, well built, fair, and about 23 years of age. He came from Melbourne, Victoria Australia

Informant: Pte H. S. Pemberton 2244
58 A.I.F. C.Co.
74 Gen. Hospital Trouville

HJG

58th Btn.

MORGAN, P. J.
Sgt. 3415.

K. in act. 31/8/18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a well built man, about 6 ft. 1 ins. medium complexion, about 28 years of age, known as "Pat". Casualty was carrying rations to the front line at Villers sur Ancre when a shell hand landed alongside killing him instantly. I saw his body. He was buried where he fell. I was Sgt. in charge of the party. A cross was erected with his name, number and unit."

Informant:- Pte. J. Costello,
No. 6978, 7th Btn.

Private address:-
55 Dandenong Road,
Malvern.

H.A.T.
14/3/19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU—MELBOURNE.

58th Btn.

MORGAN, P. J.
Sgt. 3415.

K. in act. 31/8/18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man of medium build, about 5 ft. 9 ins. fair complexion, about 26 years of age. Casualty was on a ration party at Bry near Mont St.Quentin when an H.E. shell exploded alongside a piece entering his head killing him instantly. I was about 5 yds. away at the time and I saw his body. I was wounded by the same shell. He was Sgt. of my section. He was buried where he fell, and there was no cross erected up to time of my departure."

Informant:- Pte. A. W. Blackburn,
No. 2597, 58th Btn.

Private address:-
26 Jolimont Terrace,
Richmond.

H.A.T.
28/3/19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU—MELBOURNE.

A.I.F.
58th Btn.

MORGAN, P.J.
Pte. 3415

K. 31/8/18

I knew Casualty. He was a man about 6'1", well built, fair complexion, about 28 years of age, known as "Pat". He was of 9th Rfct. to 58th Btn. and embarked on Troopship "Port Melbourne". Casualty was advancing on Peronne. I was in the same advance. He was hit by a M.G.Bullet, the bullet entereing his head killing him instantly. I was 10 yds. away at the time of hsi death, and I carried his body back to the rear of the lines. He was buried at Dpignt and I helped to bury him. A cross was erected over his grave with his name, number and unit on it.

Informant:- Pte.J.McNeil, 3424
58th Btn.
Home address:- 159 Flemington Rd.,
North Melbourne.

M. D...

T.C.F.
11/4/19

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

58th Btn.

MORGAN, P. J.
Sgt. 3415.

K. in act. 31/8/18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a well built man, about 6 ft. in bright, medium complexion, about 26 years of age. Casualty was in front line at Peronne. He was sent out in charge of a ration party to bring back rations to the front line. As he was going over open country an H.E. shell exploded close by a piece entering his head killing him instantly. I saw his body lying there next day. He was removed soon after and buried near support lines. There was a cross erected with his name, number and unit on it."

Informant:- Pte. S. P. Eddy.
No. 2655, 58th Btn.

Private address:-
Werribee.

N.A.T.
2/5/19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU—MELBOURNE.

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To
Lt Williamson
late Sgt.
VIII Platoon - B. Co
58 Battn
a.I.F

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Atvd
3415 Pte P. J. Morgan
58th Battn
a.I.F

K Aug. 31/18

Written 23.10.18

JWS

3415
To The P. J. Morgan
Secretary 58 Bn France 29-10-18
Aust Red Cross. D of L. 31-8-18

With reference to the death of
3415 Sgt P. J. Morgan 58th Batt A.I.F.
The details are as follows

On the morning of the 31 August 1918
he was in charge of a ration party, on
his return with the rations about 4·30 A.M.
and when he was within 50 yards of the
trench, he was killed by a shell
he spoke and said I am done for, and
died imediatly he was hit in both legs
side and chest, I buried and said
prayers over him, the map referance
is 62. C.S.W. 0.2.D. 8-2., buried on the
field about ~~two miles~~ one mile south west of Peronne
and about 500 yards west from the main Amiens
Peronne road, his description, height 6 ft 1 in
light complection age about 23, in conclusion
I may say that a better soldier never
lived he was a brave and good living
man, we came away from Australia
together and were friends, and it

hurt me very hard when he was killed, I have already written to his brother giving him all the information possible if any more details are required will you please write to

Yours Faithfully
Lieut. T. Williamson
B. Coy 58th Aust. Inf. Force
France

Tel.: VICTORIA 1855
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36. GROSVENOR PLACE.
LONDON S.W. 1.

23.10.18

Lt Williamson
(late Sergt)
VIII Platoon. B. Co.
58 Battn

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries about a man of your unit,

3415 Sgt P. J. Morgan 58th Battn. A.I.F.
Killed Aug 31/18

and have been told that you may be able to help us by supplying some information.

We should be most grateful for any details you can send us concerning him, but our enquirers wish especially to know whether he was buried, if so, whether it was on the field, or in a soldiers' cemetery where the grave would be registered. We would also be glad if you could add a short description of his personal appearance or any points that might help to prove his identity.

In your reply kindly quote name, initials and number, as without these particulars delay and confusion might be caused in identifying the soldier about whom you have written.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Deakin

Secretary.

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