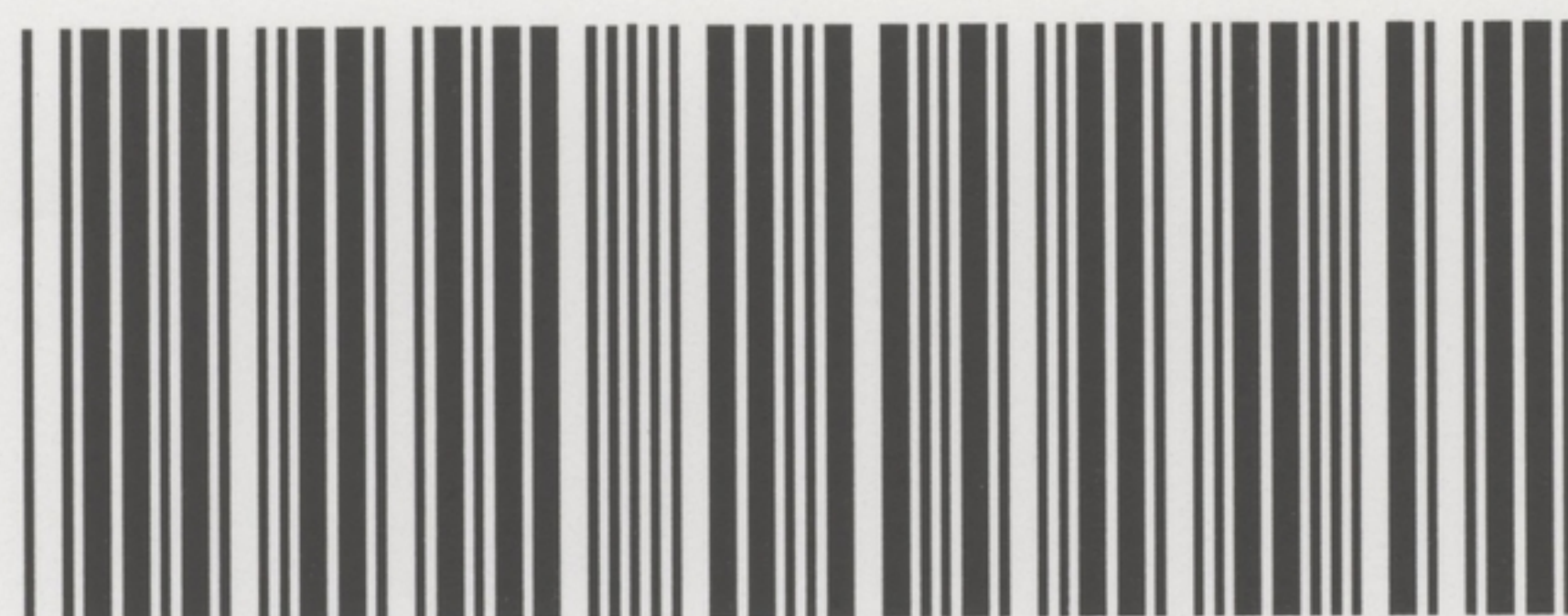


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20836 Gunner  
William Campbell  
Morrison

12th Field Artillery Brigade



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Havre.

24th January.1918.

12th AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY

MORRISON, 20636 - 46th Batty.

Neilson, L.H. 20859

Lane, W.T. 20818

K. Sept. 28th.1917. Det. D/B.

The Battery was on Observation Ridge, near Ypres, August and September. I saw their graves in a Military Cemetery behind Dickebusch, near the Casualty Clearing Station. A good cross was put up on each grave with their name, number etc.

Informant: Gunner W.A. Marcombe 20832

12th Australian Field Artillery,

46th Batty.

Havre Hospital. Havre.

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4<sup>th</sup> Batty. A.I.F.

Morrison Pt. 2083<sup>5</sup> W.C.

Killed Sep 28th. 1917 Det. D.B.

I saw him dead he had been killed by a shell at Pachandeale Ridge. We brought his body back in the cooks cart to Dickebusch cemetery and left it there for burial. I did not see him buried but later I saw his cross being made. I was with the cart taking food up to the line at the time Morrison was an original man, before joining the 4<sup>th</sup>. I only knew him from that time.

Description Height 5-7 complexion medium fair. Ordinary build.

Witness. Gunr. Hubbard A.20799.12 Brig. 4<sup>th</sup> Battery,

Taken at Hurdcott

No 4 command depot  
I4-I-18

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No4 C.D. Hurdcott



A. I. F., Field Artillery

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Morrison, 20836,  
12 Bde, 46 Bty

(K. Sept. 28/17. Det D & B)

"I saw Morrison killed near his gun near Zillebeke on the afternoon of Sept. 28th. He was at the back of his gun when a shell burst behind him, a piece went through the back of his neck and out of his mouth. He was killed instantaneously. His body was taken to the wagon lines at Dickiebusch and he was buried the next day. He was a ~~espr~~ carpenter and joined by trade and came from Brisbane."

Eye-witness: Yes

Description: Short, 5'6", thickset, 20 or 21, clean-shaven, medium complexion, "Morry"

Informant: Signaller John Leslie McMahon, 20838,  
Aust. Mobile Artillery, 12 Bde 46 Bty,  
Tooting Military Hospital,  
London, S.W.

Home address:  
Clyde Bank,  
Warra,

14th Jan. 1918.

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Queensland.

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Havre.

21st January 1918.

12th Aust. F.A. 46th Batty

W.C. Morrison No. 20836.

K. 28th Sept 1917. Det D/B.

He came from Brisbane was small and dark.  
I saw his body this side of Dickebusch at the waggon lines  
at the end of September - He is buried in Dickebusch cemetery. I  
have not seen the grave.

Inf:- Driver W.E. McKenzie.  
12th Aust. F.A. 46th Batty  
Australian Camp.  
Rouelles.

G.I.F.

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A.F.A. 12.46.

MORRISON, 20836. W<sup>C</sup>

K. Sept 28th 1917. Dets.

Morrison was in the centre section of the 46th Bty and was the only man of that name in the battery. I did not know his initial but his number was about 20836. I believe he came from Queensland. He was about 5ft 9 or 10, dark, clean shaven and about 20. I was told by Sgt Brown of the center section who knew Morrison that he had seen him after he was killed by shell fire lying in the open. I can't say if this occurred in daylight. I know that Morrison was afterwards buried but I am unable to say where. I was also told the same things as to Morrison's death by Gnr Buckley of the centre section.

Inf: Gnr J.J.Evert. 16013. 12.46. A sub-sect.  
No. 3 Can Gen Hosp.  
BOULOGNE. 29.1.18.

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• 12th Bde. 46th Bty.  
A.F.A. A.I.F.

MORRISON  
W.C. 20836

"Killed 28-9-17"

I saw him killed at Ypres. He was very badly hit about the left side with shell fragments, and only lived a few moments after being hit. One of the guns had caught fire, and he was endeavouring to put it out, at the time of casualty. I knew him very well, he came from Brisbane, Queensland, and was the only man of the name in the Bty. His Christian name was William. I did not see his grave, but I heard he was buried just behind Dickebusch, in a very well kept little Cemetery there. Refer to Sig. J. Machin, 46th Bty., 12th Bde. who is now in France, he was a particular friend of his and can give full details of burial. I understand from him, that he has already written to his relatives, giving them full details of casualty, and of burial.

Informant. Mulroy Gnr.M. 25441

W. Oman  
London  
8-3-18

46th Bty., 12th Bde.,  
3rd A.A.H.,  
DARTFORD.

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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12th Army Brigade.  
A. F. A.  
46th Battalion.  
A. I. F.

MORRISON.  
W. C. 20836.

"KILLED 29<sup>th</sup>. 9. 17"

Was a Gunner I saw him killed by a piece of shell, It happened about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile to right of Hell Fire Corner on Ypres Sector. During the ~~stunt~~ on September 29th we were in action, and he was taking Ammunition up to the guns, and while going back for more the shell got him. Several others were killed by the same shell.

He was hit between  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 1 - 2 p.m. I was at his burial ~~and~~ *saw* grave. *He was buried at* Cemetery at Dickebusche. Grave had a cross erected with his name and number etc.,.

Informant;- L/cpl. Lee. F. J. 2989.  
46th Battalion.  
Harefield.

W. G. J.

London.  
15. 4. 18.

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

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20836.  
Morrison.W.C. Gnr. NO. 20

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killed Sept 28th 1917. Det. D.B.

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I saw him killed by a shell while we were in the gun position at Zillebeke. He was taken to the cemetery at Dickebusch and buried. I could not give any particulars of burial. I knew him in the batty, He came from Queensland.

Description. Height. 5-7. Complexion. Fair. Medium Built.

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Witness. Gnr. Stutchberry.G. NO.4616. 46th Batty. A.F.A.

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Taken at  
NO.3.C.D.Hurdcott.  
6-4-18.  
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NO.4.Command depot  
Hurdcott.

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12th Bde. 46th Bty.,  
A.F.A. A.I.F.

MORRISON  
W.C. 20836

"Killed 28-9-17"

I saw him killed at Passchendaele. He was caught by pieces of shell, which hit him about the body and legs, death being instantaneous. He was at the guns at the time. I did not know him very well, but Gnr. Wyhett, 46th Bty. 12th Bde., knew him very well, and wrote to his people, telling them all about the casualty. I do not know place of burial, and I cannot refer to anyone.

Informant. Maloney Dvr.H. 414  
12th Bde., 46th Bty.,  
3rd A.A.H.,  
DARTFORD.

W. Oman  
London  
2-5-18

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A.I.F. 12th Brigade 46th Batty. F.A.

MORRISON  
W. C. 20836.

KILLED 28/9/1917.

He was killed on the 28th at Zillebeke. He was on the gun when a shell set fire to the dump: he was working to put out the fire, when another shell came over and a piece hit him in the right side and two chaps Gunner Edwards of 46th Batty (now I believe permanently at Hurdcott) and Bomb. Okenfull carried him into a dug out, where he died almost at once - He was buried at Dickebusch and a cross put up by the Batty: with his name and number up - I saw him hit, but not buried.

Informant:- 20441, Mubroy, W. H.,  
12th. Brigade. 46th Batty., F.A.  
No. 1, Command Depot,  
Sutton Veny.

B. F. German

London  
16/5/18.

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

MORRISON,  
W.C. 20836

"Killed 28.9.17."

Refer to Gnr. B. Whyle, 46th Battery, 12th Army Bgde,  
who is now in France, he saw him killed at Ypres and can give full  
details.

Informant:- Dvr. W. Moore, 20835,  
12th Army Bgde, 46th Batty,  
3.A.A.H. Dartford.

W. Oman.

London.  
16.5.18.

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A.I.F. Artillery 12 Army 46th Battn.

MORRISON  
W.C. 20836.

KILLED 28/9/17.

*ac.* Ypres - Menin Road, above Zillebeke. Killed outright by shell it just burst within a few feet of him. I saw him killed. His body was taken back to the Waggon Lines. I did not see his grave but I saw the cross. Benson of 46th Battalion made it.

*Inf.* NOYES  
21375

What Noyes said is correct. I was there also (W.31 Harefield)

Informant:- 3585 Davidson,  
W 33, Harefield.

D.P. Dickson.

London  
17/5/18.

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12th Bde, 46th Bty,  
A.F.A.

MORRISON  
W.C. 20836

"Killed 28-9-17"

I saw Morrison killed instantly by a shell which landed right alongside him, smashing pretty badly. This happened at the gum position near Observatory Ridge, Zillebeke. He was buried down at Dickebusch and Cross erected.

• Informant. Thompson. Sgt.R.G. 190  
46th Bty.,  
Hut 8,  
WESTHAM.

W.A.Rand  
London  
30-7-18  
H.G.

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46th Batty. A.I.F.

MORRISON.  
W. C. 20836.

"Killed 28.9.17."

He was in 12th Bgde. In front of Zillebeke at the gun position, killed outright by shell. I came up in time to see his body on stretcher. Brought down in G/Service <sup>w</sup>aggon to Dick<sup>eb</sup>usch Cemetery, and buried there next day. He was in my S<sup>eb</sup>obsection. I did not see grave, but crosses were made for all as they came in. We came from Queensland together, lived in Brisbane.

Christian name William. Not sure of date, but towards end of Sept.

Inf:-

Cpl. C. Thomas, 20879.  
46th Batty. 12th Bgde.  
HAREFIELD.

A.D.G.  
London,  
30.7.18.  
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46th Battery 12th Bde. A.I.F.

Morrison, Gunner, W C.  
20836

( K. Sept. 28.17. Dets  
D & B ).

" Morrison was killed instantly near Zillebeke Lake by a shell. He is buried in a cemetery near Dickiebusch between that place and Reninghelst. It was day-time. Lane is buried in the same place, he was shot through the head."

Eye Witness - Yes.

Description

Informant :- Bombardier Duncan Arbuthnot, 20766  
Aust. Art. 46th Battery,

Home address :- Duston War Hospital, Northampton.  
None in England.

20. 5. 18.

G. MacKinnell.

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12th Bde. 46th Batty.

Morrison, W.C. 20836.

K. 28/9/17

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He was killed by a shell near Zi~~e~~lebeke Lake and I helped to carry him to his grave in the Hospital cemetery at Dickiebusch. There is a cross erected giving all particulars.

12th Bde. 46th Batty.

Gibbs, G. Gr. 1569.

12 A. Dartford. 20/5/18.

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12th Brigade, 46th Batty.

Morrison, W.C. 20836.

K. 28/9/17.

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We were just in front of Ypres when a shell burst just behind us,  
wounding Morrison who lived in an unconscious state for about 5 minutes.  
He was buried in the Dickiebusch cemetery together with several other/s.  
A cross was erected.

12th Brigade, 46th Batty.

Johnson, T.Sgt. 2568.

1 A. Dartford. 28/5/18.

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R.D.B.

*B. Col  
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A. I. F.<sup>1</sup> 46th Battn.  
12th Bgde.

MORRISON  
Pte. W.C. 20836

Killed 28/9/17

Killed outright by shell while in action near Zillebeke - between Zillebeke and Hell Fire Corner - end of September. Body brought back to waggon lines and buried near Dickebusch. Believe cross erected and name engraved, as done in nearly every case with men killed in the F. Artillery. Saw body, but did not see him buried and do not know name of burial party. Called him Bill - he came from Queensland Aunt lives in Glasgow.

Informant:- 20770, Pte. H. D. Blair,  
46th Battn., 12 Bgde.,  
Harefield.

A. D. G.

London  
3/6/18

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12th Brigade. A.F.A.

W.C.

MORRISON.  
20836.

"Killed in Action" 28-9-17.

I saw Morrison killed instantaneously by a H.E. shell in front of Zillbeke at about 3 o'clock in the afternoon. He was running down to put out a burning camouflage screen at the time. Gurner James was killed by the same shell.

He was buried in a cemetery at the back of Dickebusch (between Dickebusch and Poperinghe) Driver Latta 4532 of the 46th Battery was there when he was buried. I gave this information to a Red Cross lady searcher at Northampton some time ago.

Informant:- Bombr. Arbuthnot. 20766,  
12th Bde 46th Battery.  
SUTTON VENY.

H.E.H.  
London.  
22-6-18.

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A.F.A. 12. 46.

MORRISON, W.C. 20836.

K. Sept. 28th, 1917. Det.

About 2 p.m. on Sept. 28th at Zillebeke during heavy shelling by the enemy, one of our guns caught fire and Major Young, of the 46th bty. sent some men to put the fire out - Morrison was one of those sent, - and while attending to this work, another shell burst killing Morrison and another man. I remember the date and incident well as I was very near and had a close shave myself - later I saw Morrison's body with the other one placed on stretchers right beside my gun. I cannot say for certain but think he would be buried at a cemetery at Dickebusch. - men of this Bde killed at this time were taken there. About 5ft 6 or 7, clean shaven, and should say between 20 and 25. I did not know him well and cannot describe further.

Inf. Gunner W. S. Gordon, 4496. 12.45.

No.2. Can. Stat. Hosp.

BOULOGNE. 28.6.18. ARD.

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Fld.Arty. 12th Bde. 46th Bty.  
A.F.A.

MORRISON.  
W.C. 20836.

"Killed 28.9.17."

I saw Morrison killed about the end of Sept. He died shortly after being hit and was unconscious till he died. The Battery was under shell fire, and we had been trying to put out a fire of a comouflage screen and were returning to cover when he was hit. It happened near Zillebeke soon after dinner time.

He was buried in a big cemetery near Dickbusch though I didn't see him buried. The bodies were taken down at night. I heard the other chaps say that they had a decent burial and crosses were put up. They were buried by our own Battery men.

Morrison was a well-built chap about 5.9. or 5.10. dark, clean shaven, I think he came from Queensland.

Informant. Evans. Cpl.A.888.

Fld.Arty.46th Bty.12th  
Bde.

Above is confirmation of similar report forwarded last week from Bdr. Arbuthnot.

Sutton Veny.  
1.7.18.  
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12th Bgde. 46th Batty.

Morrison, W.C. 20836.

K. 28/9/17.

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I saw Morrison wounded by the same shell that wounded Cpl. Kent and Bdr. Philips at Ypres. Fritz had set 3 gun pits on fire and Morrison was helping to put them out. He was quite unconscious and died a few minutes afterwards. I do not know where he is buried.

12th Bgde. 46th Batty.

Aldison, R. Bdr. 28761.

16 A. Dartford. 9/7/18.

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12th Bgde. 46th Batty.

Morrison, W.C. 20836.

K. 28/9/17.

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He and I were running over to a gun pit that was burning behind Passchendaele at Zillebeke when a shell burst just on the side killing him instantaneously. He was brought back and buried in the cemetery at Dickiebusch. I assisted to bury him. There was a cross erected over his grave.

12th Bgde. 46th Batty.

Johnson, Sgt.T. 2568.

1 A. Dartford. 13/7/18.

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12. 46. Fld Artillery.  
A.I.F.

MORRISON.  
W.C. 20836.

"Killed 28-9-17"

Morrison was killed by the same shell as I was wounded - there were 5 of us hit but only one killed - at Ypres at the gun position near Zillabeke. He was buried at the Military Cemetery at Dickebusche and cross erected, a chap in our Battery was practically doing nothing but crosses.

Informant:- Parkinson. C.4585.  
46ty Battery.  
Hut 12.WESTHAM.

W.A.Rand.  
London.  
1-8-18.  
H.G.

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46th Battery, 1st<sup>2</sup> Brigade.  
A.I.F.

MORRISON.  
W.C. 20836.

"Killed 28-<sup>9</sup>-17"

I was in a different Battery, but saw him killed at Zillbeke when death was instantaneous, he having been hit by a shell and badly knocked about on body. This happened about 2.p.m. on Sept 28th 1917 when he was with Battery and shell landed, killing two others. I did not know him very well but know he was a Victorian. I was in the party at the time assisting to put out a fire in the gun pit. I did not see his grave, but he was buried in a cemetery near Dickiebusch and grave was marked with full details.

Informant:- Gnr Gordon.W.S.4496.

45th Battery. 12th Brigade.

No 3 A.A.H.DARTFORD.

W.Oman.  
London.  
6-8-18.  
H.G.

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12th Brigade. 46th Battery  
A.I.F.

MORRISON.  
W.C. 20836.

"Killed 28-9-17"

I did not see him killed but I saw him buried at Dickiebusch Cemetery. I knew him well. Height 5ft 4ins, medium build, dark, nickname Bill Morrow. He was a signaller, a good soccer footballer and well liked. All I know.

Informant:- Henderson.G.  
F.A.

12th Brigade. 45th Battery.  
No 3799.

No I Command Depct.  
SUTTON VENY.

E.T.Carter.  
London.  
12-8-18.  
H.G.

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46th BATTY. A.F.A. A.I.F.

MORRISON.  
W.C. 20836.

"Killed 28.9.17."

He was of 12th Bgde at gun position Ypres sector, behind Sanctuary Wood 3 miles from the town about 28th Sept. and about noon. Killed outright by shell. I was with the guns at the time and saw him killed, was not badly knocked about.

Taken away by men in Batty, but dont know where buried, probably in Dickebusch Military Cemetery, christian name Bill.

Inf:-

Gunner E.J. O'Brien 1866,  
46th Batty, 12th Bgde.  
HAREFIELD.

London,  
13.8.18.  
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A.D.G.

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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

12th Bgde

A.F.A.

K Sept 28/17

Morrison W.C. 20836

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~~to~~ I gave this information to a Red X lady searcher at Northampton some time ago

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19/6/18

Bombardier Arbutnot 20766  
12th Bgde 46th Bty

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