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1418 Private
Leonard Morrish

29th Battalion



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A.I.F 29th Btn

MORRISH
L. 1418

"Aded-Sept-Oct"

Adm. 3rd Rest Camp - fit 30-9-17
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 14-11-17

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Havre. 17th. October. 1918.

29th. Australians. Morrish, L. 1418.
Klugg, 2/Lieut. L. C.
Braden, Lieut. W.

K. August. 9/1918. Dets. D/B.

Lieut. Braden was in C. 11. in Command. 2/Lieut. Klugg was in C. 10. in Command. Morrish was in C. 9. I was told that they were killed at Vaux Villers on August 8th. 1918while advancing, and that they were buried along with a number of others in the open ~~xxxxxx~~ near some trees on a cross road about 600 yards from the Village and that Crosses were placed on the Graves. I did not actually see their bodies but could point out the spot where I was told they are buried.

Inf:- Private. J. H. Mann. 2076.
29th. Australians. H.Q.
Australian Conv. Camp.
Rouelles.

RDM: F.E.A. OP/

A.I.F. 29th Battn.

MORRISH
L. 1418

"KILLED IN ACTION 9/8/18"

He was in my platoon. On 9th August we had just hopped out of a trench at a place named Harbonnes, a village 6/7 miles from Villers Bretonneux A shell dropped and killed him instantly. I saw him lying here dead. He came from Melbourne. I cannot furnish any further details. Description:- About, 21, 5 ft 7", 10.9 st., fair complexion.

Witness:- Pte Oswald, J.R.,
C Coy.,
9th platoon,
29th Battn.
Littlemoor Camp,
Weymouth.

T. Osborne

London
30/10/18
JEA

29th Battn.
A.I.F.

MORRISH.
L. 1418.

"Killed in Action 9-8-18"

He was of 29th Battn. C.9. 5ft 6, medium, 23. Came from Victoria. At Vauxvillers on August 9th 1918 at 11.30.p.m. in the hop over, he was killed instantly by a shell. He was buried on the Battlefield near place of casualty. 15 others were buried beside him. Crosses were erected. Capt Eva (Padre) was present. I was present at burial.

Informant:- J.Douglas. 3217.
32(29) B.5.
SARS POTERIES.

Note:- Later J.B.Mc Donald. 4856. and P.T.Feehan. 3536. both eye-witnesses gave similar reports. W.M.K.

W.M.K.
London.
13-3-19.
J.E.A.

M.

29th Btn.

MORRISH, L.
Pte. No. 1418.

K. in act. 9/8/18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a medium built man about 5 ft. 8 ins. medium complexion, about 25 years of age, known as "Len". Casualty was in advance in front of Villers Bretonneux. He had just hopped out of the trench and had gone about 5 yds. when an H.E. shell landed near a piece entering his body, killing him instantly. I cut his weather equipment away and had a look at him but he was quite dead. I got his field glasses from him. He was buried where he fell. There was a cross erected over his grave."

Informant:- Pte. G. T. Smith,
No. 3868, 29th Btn.

Private address:-
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N.A.T.
6/6/19.

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