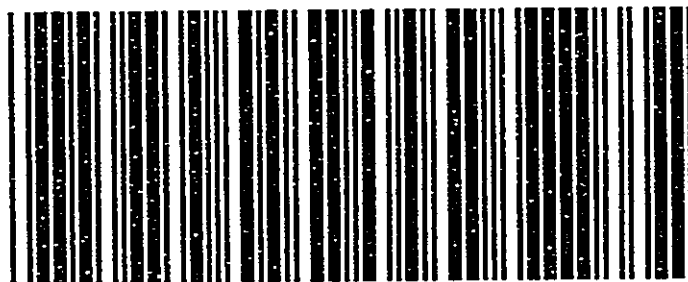


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**5799 Private
Wilfred Joseph Moss**

10th Battalion



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MOSS, W.J. 5799.

M. April 9th 1917.

Moss - name Will - was in B.Coy at the time. We had come out of reserve at Fremicourt near Bapaume, and his company went over on Sunday night or rather Easter Monday morning to try and take a strong position, Moss was killed. On the Tuesday morning they took the strong point, and found his body, but could not bring it out as the snipers were too busy. We were relieved the night after. Pte Ridley of B.Coy, a cousin of Moss, told me this. He and Moss came in the same Reinf. as me, so I knew them well, and the information can be relied on.

† Inf: Pte A.E. White. 6034. D.Coy.
† No. 32 Stat.
BOULOGNE. 17.5.17.

Written by Pte Ridley 22.5.17

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off clb

A.I.F. 10,

MOSS, W.J. 5799

M. April 8th 1917.

I knew him. We were on the other side of Bapaume. It was in the general attack. Moss was MGS. A man I knew who was a chum of Moss's told me after the action that he had seen him killed, but I have no details.

Informant: Private F. Katekar. 2625

No. 7 C.G.

BOULOGNE. 18.5.17.

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10th A. I. F. B Co.

W. J. MOSS, 5799.

Missing 8.4.17.

He was on the M.G. Corps at Lagnicourt during the attack, and a man called Dolan came back and told me that Moss with others had been taken prisoner which he had witnessed.

Reference: Pte. C. G. Duke, 5984.

No.1 Australian, Rouen. 7.6.17.

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Not sent on

10th Battn.
A. I. F.

Moss.
W. J. 5799.

"Missing 8.4.17."

About No.5799 Pte.W.J.Moss of the 10th Battalion. There is every indication that he was wounded and taken prisoner and if you find out anything about him I would like you to let me know. He was about 5'8" in height, thick set, fair complexion and blue eyes. Hoping to hear good news about him before long.

Letter from:-

Pte. F.W.Ridley.

France.. 15.6.17.

London.

17.7.17.

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2nd July 1917

10th AUSTRALIANS

MOSS, W.J. 5799

Mind ng 8th April 1917

Moss was in B. Company. Sergeant H.R. Spurratt of the 10th Bn. B.Co., 5th Platoon, will be able to give definite information about Moss. I was out with Spurratt at Lagnicourt in April after the stunt collecting pay-books and discs and I think that I saw Moss amongst the dead, but Spurratt will be able to say definitely. Spurratt is in England suffering from Trench Feet.

Informant: Pte. C.L.J. Pinder 1505
10th Australians B.Co.VI Platoon
Australian Camp, Ronelles

Written by Spurratt 20.7.17 RHM A.
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10th Battn.
A. I. F.

W. J. Moss.
5799.

"Missing 8.4.17"

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Letter from:-

Pte. F. W. Ridley.

France. 6.7.17.

London.

24.7.17.

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Written by Pte Dolan 12.10.17

10th Batt. A.I.F.

MOSS W.J. 5799.
"B" Coy., No 7 Platoon.
L.M.G. Sect.

" M. April 8th., '17. "

" Moss was near me when we made a charge on April 8th., to the right of Lagnicourt. While crossing No Man's land, he was hit by a machine gun bullet, and killed instantly. I was wounded myself the same day, and came away, so cannot say what happened to his body. We were in the same Coy., and knew each other quite well. "

Description. Hgt. Very small. Medium complexion.
Stout build.

Witness. Michael W.W. 6083.
10th Batt. "B" Coy.

Taken at Verne Citadel.
Portland. J.G.W.
September 21st., '17.

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No 4 Command Depot,
Coedford.

A.I.F. 10.

M. 8.4.17.

MOSS W.J. 5799.

Moss was in the L.G.S. We were attacking at Lagnicourt and he was killed by M.G. fire. He was picked up lying on the top of his gun. His cousin, Cpl. A. Moss, in the same Bn. who is now instructing in England, knows that he was killed. It was just about daybreak on 8th. April. Another cousin, Sgt. G. Moss, was wounded at the same time and has gone back to Australia.

BH.

Reference: L/Cpl. A. Martin. 3804.
4 Gen. Epl.

Staples.
8.10.17.

Written Cpl Moss 25.10.17

A P.I.
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10th Australian Imperial Force

Moss, W. J. 5799

(M. 8. 4. 1917).

" Corp. W. Creaser told me that Moss had been killed.
Creaser is now at the 3rd Training Battn at Lark Hill, Salisbury
Plain and can give all information. "

Eye Witness - No.

Description -

Informant :- Pte. J. K. Schramm. 5752.
A Coy. 4th Pltn. 10th Aus. Imp Force
2nd Southern General Hospital.
Bishop's Knoll

Home address :-
Port Lincoln,
South Australia.

14. 10. 17.
C. Strachan.

Written Cpl. Creaser 24.10.17.

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H. K. Strachan

10th Battn.
A.I.F.

MOSS.
W. J. 5799

"Missing 8.4.17"

Moss went over with us, we had a certain objective to take, we struck a little German strong post ("Lone Tree Post") Lagnicourt Easter Sunday morning. Moss with M.G.S. was then on our right. We came to a halt at the top of a rise where we lost our officer, Sgt., and nearly all were wounded. We knew that Moss got as far as this with us, 24 hours later we went over the ground and found no trace of him and concluded he must have been taken prisoner. The ground was under observation all the 24 hours. Ground was lost.

Eye-witness: Saw him go out I was in charge of his platoon.

Description:-

Informant:- Cpl. J. Holden 14

Home Address:

P.O. Adelaide.

19.10.17.

E.M. Hall

London.

31.10.17.

10th Battn. A.I.F. B. Coy. 7th Pltn.
Ford Hospital Devonport.

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10th Batn
B. Coy.,
A.I.F.

MOSS
W. J. 5799

"Missing 8.4.17."

Refer to Pte. Dolan 19th Reinforcements 10th Batn who is now in France and who saw him killed instantly while working a Lewis Machine Gun and can give full details of casualty.

Witness:-

Pte S.R. Hewlett 6073
10th Batn C. Coy., 11th Pltn.
3rd A.A. Hospital,
Dartford.

London.
23.11.17.

Note Pte. Dolan written to 18.10.17.

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10th Batn
A.I.F.

MOSS
W.J. 5799

"Missing 8.4.17."

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Letter from:- W. J. Creaser.

Sutton Veny.

London. 16.11.17.

9.11.17. A.P.I.

Note Cpl Moss written to. 25.10.17.

10th Batn
A.I.F.

MOSS
W.J. 5799

"Missing"

Killed in Action 8.4.17. prev. reported Missing
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqtrs 12.12.17.

P.I.A

London
18.12.17.

DECLARATION.

10th Battn.
A.I.F.

Moss.
W.J. 5799

"Killed in Action 8.4.17"

I HENRY ARNOLD DOLAN of Renmark in the State of South Australia Fruitgrower formerly No.6148 Pte.Dolan in the 10th Battalion of the Australian Imperial Forces do solemnly and sincerely declare as follows:

1. On the eighth day of April 1917 I was on active service with my Battalion near Lagnicourt France in Europe.
2. I was detailed for duty with a Machine Gun Section and was No.2 of such section.
3. No.5799 Pte.Wilfred J.Moss was also detailed for duty with such Machine Gun Section and was No.1 of such section.
4. During the fighting which took place near Lagnicourt on the eighth day of April 1917 I was wounded.
5. No.5799 Pte.Wilfred J.Moss was at my side during the fighting and was there when I was wounded.
6. While lying wounded, Pte.Moss who was lying down beside me taking cover was shot through the head and killed instantly.
7. I was lying beside Pte.Moss for some hours after he was killed.
8. I endeavoured to obtain something from Pte.Moss's pockets as

10th Battn.
A.I.F.

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Moss.
W.J. 5799

a means of proof of his death and to send to his relatives but the slightest movement was so fraught with danger that I could not obtain anything.

9. Previous to the outbreak of the war I knew and was well acquainted with Pte.Moss and am therefore certain that it was he who was killed as aforesaid on the eighth day of April 1917.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of the Statutory Declarations Act 1918

DECLARED at Renmark the seventeenth day of December 1917.
(Sgd) H.A.Dolan

Before me

(Sgd) Stanley H.Fleming
A.Commissioner etc.

London.
28.2.18.

*Original declaration sent to
H.Q. 28.2.18
H.A.S.*

A.I.F.
10th Btn.

MOB3
William Joseph 5799

Killed in Action 8.4.17.

No trace Germany.
Cert. by Capt. Mills 10.10.19.

London.
15.10.19.

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PC H A DOLAN

10 B. W. R. 11

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6499 W. J. MOSS

10 B. W. R. 11

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STG W. J. Moss

10th Batta A. 7.7.

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Kindly send any information

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5799 Pte W. J. Moss.

10th A.I.F. ? Ben

missing April 8th 1917. France

10th 5966 Pte G. A. Ash
10th A.I.F.

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The Secretary.

Wounded & Missing Enquiry Bureau

Re enquiries

at No 5499 Pte W. Moss of the
10th Battalion A.I.F.

There is every indication that
he was wounded & taken prisoner
& if you find out anything
about him I would like you
to let me know.

He was about 5 ft. 6 in. in height
thick set, fair complexion &
blue eyes.

Hoping to hear good news about
him before long.

5499 N. J. Moss I Remain

10 Batt A.I.F. Yours sincerely

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Pte F. W. Kidley

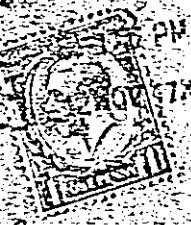
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Mr. W. J. Cresser,

10th Australian Infantry Battalion

A.I.F. No. 1 Sergeant Denby

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W J Cresser

London
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10th Australian Infantry Battalion
A.I.F. No. 1 Sergeant Denby

18/11/34
W J Cresser
London

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 Bld. Instructor in England.
 Address wanted leave from duty as
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 Reports Dpt.
 19-10-17

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W. A. Moss

10 Batt AIF

Superior 3 Training Batt

Durrington

Salisbury Pl.

Adelaide River

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~~5499 W. A. Moss~~

~~10 Batt AIF~~

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A.F.B.

Sgt H R SPURRITT

B. Co
10 BAWA IF
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W. J.

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The Secretary

Wounded & Missing Enquiry Bureau

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of the 9th April.

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address is 6149 Pte H. J. Dolan. Herne
Citadel. Portland. England, so I have
just found out.

I Remain

Yours sincerely

Pte F. W. Ridgway

5499 W. J. Moss

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Tel.: VICTORIA 8858.

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"QUESTMAN, LONDON."



AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

54, VICTORIA STREET.

LONDON, S.W. 1.

Pte. W. J. Cresser,
10th Aust. Inf. Bttn,
A.I.F., No 1 Command Depot,
Sutton Vey, Wilts.

November 12th, 1917.

Dear Pte. Cresser,

We wish to thank you for your letter in answer to our
enquiry concerning

~~5799 W. J. MOSS,~~

~~10th Battalion,~~

~~A.I.F.~~

We are grieved to learn that you have not heard anything more
definite than we have about this soldier, but thank you for your
promise to send us further news should any come to hand.

With all good wishes.

Yours faithfully,

Vera Benkin
SECRETARY.

per O.S.

5799 W.J. Moss

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Sutton Veay,

M8-4-17

Nov. 9th 1917.

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Dear Madam,

Received your communication

of the late Pte W.J. Moss. Unfortunately

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Not Capt. W.J. Moss to

25/10/17.

W.J. CREASER.

Yours faithfully

W. H. B. B. B.

October 18th, 1917.

No 5966 Pte. A. Ash,
10th Battalion, A.I.F.,
3rd London General Hospital,
Wandsworth.

Dear Sir,

In further answer to your inquiry for details of the
death of No 5799 Pte. W. J. Moss,
10th Battalion,
A.I.F.

we regret very much to inform you of an unofficial report
which has been given by a man of his unit when at Verne Citadel
Portland.

Informant states that Pte. Moss was close to him in the
charge on the right of Lagnicourt on April 8th, and while crossing
No Man's Land, he saw him killed instantly by a machine gun Bullet.
As he was himself wounded on the same day he knows nothing of his
burial.

We deeply regret the distressing character of this news and
are continuing the inquiry in hopes of obtaining definite informa-
tion which we shall immediately forward to you.

Assuring you of our sincere sympathy in your anxiety about

your friend. ours faithfully,
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V.D. LAW.



AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

Tel.: VICTORIA 8858.

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LONDON S.W. 1.

6.11.17.

5966. Pte. G. A. Ash,
10th Batt, - A.I.F.
~~3rd Aux Aust: Hpl~~
Dartford,

Dear Sir,

We regret to inform you of another unofficial report
of a sad and distressing character about:-

5799. Pte. W.J. Moss, 10th Battalion A.I.F.

Which only confirms the fears we already had as to his safety.

Our informant reported that Pte. Moss was acting on their right
with his machine gun section, in an attack on a German Strong Post
known as Lone Tree Post at Lagmourt, and he was still with them
when they halted at the top of a rise where they lost the officer
and sergeant and nearly all were wounded. No one can say what
became of him after that, but a thorough search was made next day
over the same ground, which although lost, had remained under their
observation all the time, and it was concluded that he was a
Prisoner of War. This hope we feel is no longer to be held, for
we have heard from men who were captured long after that date and
he would surely have availed himself of the opportunity afforded *by* *prisoners*

of advising someone of his capture. Two other men give somewhat different reports. No.3804 L/Cpl. A. Martin, reported that Pte Moss was killed by machine gun fire, when they were attacking at Larcourt at daybreak on April 8th and was afterwards found lying dead on his machine gun. We have written to his cousin Cpl. Moss, for any details that he can supply and as soon as further news is received you shall be advised. Regretting that these reports continue to be so distressing and trusting that you have almost recovered,

Yours faithfully,

Vera Peakin

SECRETARY,

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Pte. W. J. Creaser,
10th Aust. Inf. Bn.,
A.I.F., No 1 Command Depot,
Sutton Vean, Wilts.

November 12th, 1917.

Dear Pte. Creaser,

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We are grieved to learn that you have not heard anything more
definite than we have about this soldier, but thank you for your
promise to send us further news should any come to hand.

With all good wishes.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.

O.S.

July 13th, 1917.

Pte. F. W. Ridley.
10th Battn. A.I.F.
B.E.F.

Dear Pte. Ridley,

Very many thanks for your letter in answer to our enquiry
concerning -

5799 W. J. MOSS, 10th Battalion, A.I.F., and for your
suggestion that we write to Pte. Dolan at Verne Citadel.

With best wishes.

Yours faithfully,

V.D.
Secretary. *Sh*

23rd June 1917.

Pte F.W. Ridley,
10th Aust. Inf. Btn:
B.E.F.

Dear Pte Ridley,

Very many thanks for your letter in answer to our enquiries concerning - 5799 W.J. Moss, 10th Btn, A.I.F. So far, we have not received his name on any of our lists of Prisoners of War in Germany nor in our Hospital Index, but we have entered your name as enquirer and shall send you word immediately we receive any definite news.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

V.D

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
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36. GROSVENOR PLACE,
~~54, VICTORIA STREET,~~

LONDON, S.W. 1.

27th December, 1917.

No. 5966 Pte. D. A. Ash,
10th Btn.
A.I.F.
No. 2 Command Depot,
Weymouth.

Dear Sir,

Re. W. J. MOSS 5799, 10th Batn. A.I.F.

We regret to inform you that the above soldier, who was
previously reported missing, is now reported killed in action on
the 8th April, 1917.

We are making further enquiries in the hope of learning
details of his death, and will send you any information that we
receive.

Regretting the distressing character of this news,

Yours faithfully,

V. Deakin per 5.37.

SECRETARY.

LONDON S.W.1
INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS SOCIETY,
P.O. BOX 15, W2

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~~54, VICTORIA STREET,~~

LONDON, S.W. 1.

27th December, 1917.

Private F. W. Ridley,
10th Btn. A.I.F. B.E.F.

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Yours faithfully,

V. Deakin

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5th January, 1918.

Honorary Secretary,
Australian branch,
British Red Cross Society,
Enquiry Branch,
35 Grosvenor Place,
L O N D O N, S.W.

Dear Miss Deakin,

No. 5799 Private W. J. Moss, 10th Battalion.

We cabled you on the 11th May last requesting you to institute enquiries regarding the above soldier, who was reported Missing from the 8th April, 1917, since when we have received from you several Slips, one of which reads as follows: -

"I think Private H.A. Dolan could give you some information about 5799 Private W. J. Moss of the 10th Battalion, as he was with him on the morning of the 9th April. Private Dolan was wounded and went to England and is at present on furlough, his address is 6148 Private H. A. Dolan, Werne Citadel, Portland, England, so I have just found out.

Letter from -

Private F. W. Ridley,

London, 24.7.17.

France. 6.7.17. "

Private Dolan referred to above has since returned to Australia and been discharged from the A. I. F. as medically unfit. Although we have not had the opportunity of interviewing Private Dolan personally we have communicated with him by letter, and have received from him the enclosed statutory declaration, giving full

details as to the manner in which Private Moss met his death, and we send same to you in order that you may, if you think fit, hand the documents to the A. I. P. Headquarters and so endeavor to finalise matters in regard to this soldier as there seems to be little doubt but that Private Moss has paid the supreme sacrifice.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

Chas. A. Edwards.

Honorary Secretary.

Copy of
Enclosure [^] (Statutory Declaration.)

DECLARATION

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5. No 5799 Private Wilfred J Moss was at my side during the fighting and was there when I was wounded
6. While lying wounded Private Moss who was lying down beside me taking cover was shot through the head and killed instantly
7. I was lying beside Private Moss for some hours after he was killed
8. I endeavoured to obtain something from Private Moss's pockets as a means of proof of his death and to send his relatives but the slightest movement was so fraught with danger that I could not obtain anything
9. Previous to the outbreak of the war I knew and was well acquainted with Private Moss and am therefore certain that it

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was he who was killed as aforesaid on the eighth day of April
1917

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing
the same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of the
Statutory Declarations Act 1913

(DECLARED at Renmark the seventeenth
day of December 1917

(Signed) H A Dolan

Before me

(Signed) Stanley H Fleming

A/Commissioner etc

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5966 Pte.G.A.Ash,
10th Bttn, A.I.F.,
No 2 Command Depot,
Weymouth.

December 28th, 1917.

Dear Sir,

We regret to inform you of another unofficial report
of a sad and distressing character about

5799 Pte.W.J. MOSS, 10th Battalion, A.I.F.

which only confirms the fears we already had as to his safety. Our informant reported that Pte.Moss was acting on their right with his machine gun section in an attack on a German strong post known as Lone Tree post at Lagnicourt, and he was still with them when they halted at the top of a rise where they lost the officer and sergeant and nearly all were wounded. No one can say what became of him after that, but a thorough search was made next day over the same ground, which although lost, had remained under their observation all the time, and it was concluded that he was a Prisoner of War. This hope we feel is no longer to be held, for we have heard from men who were captured long after that date and he would surely have availed himself of the opportunity afforded every prisoner of advising someone of his capture. Two other men give somewhat different reports.

No 3804 I/Cpl.A.Martin, reported that Pte.Moss was killed by machine gun fire, when they were attacking at Lagnicourt at daybreak on April 8th, and was afterwards found lying dead on his machine gun.

We have written to his cousin Cpl.Moss for any details that he can supply and as soon as further news is received you shall be advised.

Yours faithfully,

Vera Jenkins
SECRETARY.
(Cpl.)

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