

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**2248 Private
Alfred Frederick
Morrison**

37th Battalion



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A.I.F. 37.

MORRISON, A.F. 2248.

K. June 7-9. 1917.

Place of burial, a spot $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile due east of
Messines Village. (Map reading U.4a.5.0.)

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Re Cert. by Div. Burials Officer,
Fauquembergues. 30.10.17.

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37th. A.I. F. C. Coy.

Morrison, A. F. 2248.

Kin A June 7-9/1917.

He came from Victoria, a suburb of Melbourne, and was single.
He was killed by a shell at Dead Horse Corner, Ploegstreert about
midnight, while in the line. His body was buried in Red Lodge
Cemetery at the Catacombe.

Inf:- Pte. H. Conway, 842.
37th. Australians. C. Coy.
Austr. Demob. Base.

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Havre.

27th. May. 1918.

37th. Australians.

Morrison. A. F. 8248.

7-9
K. June. 7/1917. Detn. D/B.

He was in C. Coy; 11th. Bn. He was a chum of mine; he lived in Yandiot, Victoria; he was a labourer. On the 7th. June we were attacking at Messines; we took our objective & held it. On the way over I was just behind Morrison; we all lay down for a few minutes; Morrison would not lie down. While he was standing up a sniper got him clean through the head; he was killed instantly. I heard he was buried at Boyles Farm near where he fell & the Grave was marked. I went out of the line wounded shortly after Morrison was killed.

Inf:- Private. W. Coates. 8251.
37th. Australians. O. 11
Havre Hospital.

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Plt. A. G. Morrison 2248.

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see under

Plt. L. S. Dean 5810.

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The Secretary,
Naval & Military League,
International H/Qs,
101, Queen Victoria St,
E. C.

13th April, 1918.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your enquiry for -

2248 Pte. A.F. MORRISON, 37th Battalion, A.I.F.

who is officially reported to ~~have~~ been killed in action
on 7-9-6.17, we beg to inform you that he is now officially
certified as having been buried $\frac{3}{4}$ mile ~~of~~ due east of Messines,
the map reference of his grave being U.4a.5.0.

We are doing our utmost to obtain particulars of Pte. Morrison's
death and will advise you as soon as we succeed.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

MR.

SECRETARY.

28th April, 1918.

The Secretary,
Naval & Military League,
International Headquarters,
101, Queen Victoria St.,
E. C.

Dear Sir,

We beg to enclose your original enquiry for details
of the death of -

~~No 2248 Pte. A.F. MORRISON, 87th Battalion, A.I.F.~~
together with our second letter which you returned to us.

We have kept an exact copy of both letters and will
continue to send on any information we obtain unless you
request us not to do so.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) *AW:*

SECRETARY.

C O P Y.

Ans. 21/9/17.

The Salvation Army,

Naval & Military League,
International Headquarters,
101, Queen Victoria Street,
London, E.C.

13th September, 17.

Dear Sir:-

RE:- 2248 Pte. A.F. Morrison,
~~C. Coy, 37th Batta, A.I.F.,~~
Killed 9th June. 17.

The Mother of the above soldier would be grateful
if you will kindly make some enquiries regarding the death
of this lad, the official notice states merely "Killed in
Action".

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) Mary Murray.

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Lieut.-Colonel.

TO:- The Secretary,
The Australian Red Cross,
54, Victoria Street, S.W.

The Secretary,
Naval & Military League,
International Headquarters,
101, Queen Victoria St.,
E. C.

June 10th, 1918.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your enquiry concerning -

2248 Pte. A.F. MORRISON, 37th Battalion, A.I.F.

We have received the following unofficial report from 2251 Pte. W. Coates, of the same unit. He states that Pte. Morrison was a friend of his and that he was a labourer in Yandoit, Victoria, prior to his enlistment. On June 7th, the Battalion was attacking at Messines and they took their objective and held it. On the way there informant was just behind Pte. Morrison and he saw him shot through the head by a German sniper, death being instantaneous. Informant heard that he was buried at Boyle's Farm, near the place of casualty and that the grave was marked.

We very much regret that as a year has passed since Pte. Morrison's casualty we are unable to continue our enquiries for details of his death but should we receive further information we shall immediately advise you.

Yours faithfully,

(MISS)

Jessie Clavin
SECRETARY.

The Secretary,
Naval & Military League.
Salvation Army.
International H/Qs.
101 Queen Victoria St.
E.C.

March 29th, 1919.

Dear Sir,

With further reference to your enquiry for 2248 Pte.
A.F. MORRISON. 37th Battalion. A.I.F. We beg to inform you
~~we have now received~~ the following unofficial report from
842 Pte. H. Conway of the same Unit who states that Pte. Morrison
was killed by a shell at "Dead Horse Corner" Ploegsteert
while the Battalion was in the line. His body was buried
in Red Lodge Cemetery at the Catacombe.

We have now closed our enquiries as we do not expect
to obtain any further details but should any other
information reach us we would advise you.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) *B.W. Griffiths*

SECRETARY. —