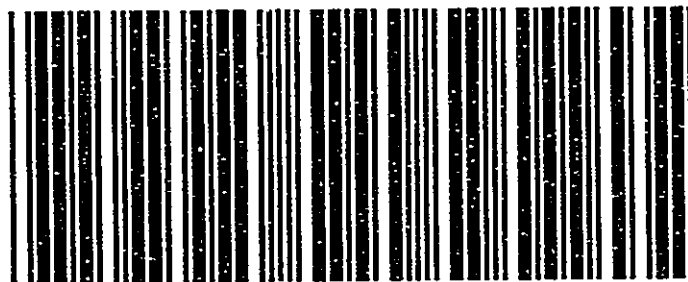


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**2645 Sergeant
John Donald Morrison**

3rd Battalion



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A.I.F. 3rd Battr.

MORRISON
F.D. 2645.

"Killed 23.8.18"

I was with Sgt. J.D. Morrison 3.D.14. when he was killed instantaneously by a shell at Chuignes, near Thienocourt (we cannot find this on our map), when we were attacking a village. The Pioneers buried him in a Valley close to the spot where he fell. There was a cross put up. I cannot remember the date, but I think it was in August. I was an eye-witness. Ground was held.

Description:- Little and niggety, fair complexion, an Anzac.

Informant:- 1311mPte. Leslie Scott, (Quite intelligent and seemed accurate)
3rd Battr. D. Coy.
16th Ptn.

H.M. Pickerd-Cambridge,

London

7.1.19.

H.G.

Home address:-

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HARRISON, J. D. 1st Lt. Co. 3rd
Battalion, late 3rd Battalion
8th Reinforcements.

"Killed in action, 21/8/18."

Informant described Harrison as about 5 feet 6 inches high, thick-set, blue eyes, aged about 27. He was a Roman Catholic by religion. Informant states that they both belonged to "D" company. On the 21st August 1918, the Battalion was in action at Chuignier advancing against that village. About 2.30 p.m. Harrison was killed outright by a shell during the advance. When they continued the advance, Harrison was left where he was that informant could not say what was done with him. He was, however, that the Battalion Pioneers came out later, and picked up Harrison's body. He was buried in the trench. The Pioneers were killed.

According to Informant, Harrison was a very well liked chap.

Informant - Warrant Officer H. W. Crisp, No. 81,
"D" company, 3rd Battalion.
Home Address - The Bungalow, Bescroft.

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MORRISON.
J.D. 2645.

"Killed in Action 23-8-18"

Was a private in D. Company. 13th Platoon. 3rd Battalion. short, well built, very fair, rather sharp features. He was hit during the advance at Chuignes on 23rd August about 1.30 p.m. We were trying to push through our own barrage and a shell (60 pounder) lobbed almost on top of him. He was badly hit all over and was killed instantly. I did not actually see it, but was in the next platoon and heard about it directly after. He was buried in a Cemetery about half way between Procyart and Chuignes and a good cross was put up by our Pioneers. I saw his grave but it only had an identification mark on it then. The cross was erected later.

Informant:- Lieut. G.G. Berry.
3rd Battalion.

H.S. Cowan.
London.
13-3-19.
J.E.A.

S.F.M.
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3rd Battn.
A.I.F.

MORRISON.
J.D. 2645.

"Killed in Action 23-8-18"

I was about 50 yards away, saw the shell lob and found that it had got Morrison.

Informant:- I/Cpl. G. Haynes, 5104.
D. Coy. 3rd Battalion.

H.S. Cowan,
London.
13-3-19.
J.E.A.

F.B.
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3rd Battalion, A.I.F.
(late 55th Battn).
(Late 3rd Batn. 8th Rfts.)

MORRISON, J. D.
L/Sergeant No.2645.

"Killed, 23.8.18".

C We were in a stunt at Proyart, I found Sergeant Morrison dead in the Valley of the Somme about 300 yards to the left of a Village named Chuignes, and buried him where I found him. I was on the way to bury my brother when I found him. I knew him well.

If his relatives write me I will reply, or will call on them if they are in the Metropolitan area. I have a Newspaper Photo of the place. We were in the same Battalion, 3rd and D.Company.

Informant:- No.7352, Private T.Clifford,
3rd Battalion.

Private Address:- 252, Elizabeth Street,
Sydney.

G.S.A.
A.I.F.Furlough Bureau, Sydney.
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Cpl D.

3915
5-8 Ball.

Whereabouts?

Ret to. April 4. 12-18

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2645 W. J. D. Morrison
310 Ball.

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Inquiry

from Cpl Morrison. D.
5th Batt. . . 3915
77° 9. Camp
77° 7 Hut
77° 1 Command
Sutton Verry

wishes particulars of death of brother

Cpl Morrison. J. D.
3rd Batt
D. Coy. 14/Plat
2645

who was killed 23rd Aug. at also
wishes to know who was made next
of kin.

Ans. 29.9.15 2579/15

77° 1 Command
Sutton Verry J. J. Baxter

January 17th, 1919.

3915 Cpl. D. Morrison,
5th Battalion. A.I.F.
9th Camp. 7th Hut.
1st Command Depot.
Sutton Veny.

Dear Sir,

With further reference to your enquiry for 2645 Pte. JOHN DONALD Morrison. 3rd Battalion. A.I.F. We beg to inform you we have received the following unofficial report from 1311 Pte. Leslie Scott of the same Unit who states he was with Sgt. J.D. Morrison when he was killed instantaneously by a shell at Chuignes near Thienecourt when they were attacking a village. The Pioneers buried him in a valley close to the spot where he fell and there was a cross put up.

Hoping it may be some comfort to you to know he suffered no pain and again assuring you of our sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.

G. G.

September 30th, 1918.

3915 CPL. D. Morrison
5th Battn. A.I.F.
No 9 Camp.
No 7 Hut. No 1 Command Depot.
Sutton Veny

Dear Sir.

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of your enquiry of
25th inst., for -

2645 Pte. J.D. MORRISON. 3rd Battalion. A.I.F.

who is officially reported Killed in Action on 28-8-18.
We are doing our utmost to obtain particulars of his
death and burial and will advise you as soon as we succeed,
if you will notify us of any change in your address.

With reference to you further enquiry we beg to inform
you that Pte. Morrison's registered next of kin is his sister
Miss Rose Morrison in New South Wales.

Assuring you of our sincere sympathy in your loss.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Ven Deakin

SECRETARY. M.R.