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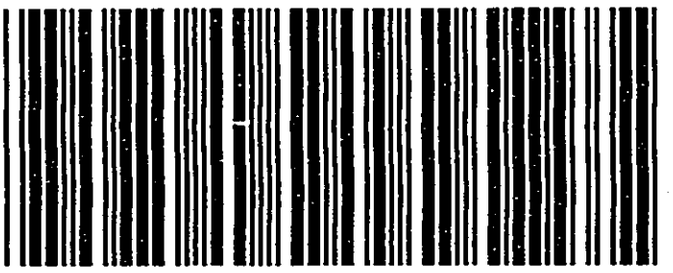
2987 Private
Harold Leslie Rosser

29th Battalion



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A.I.F. 29th Btn ROSSER
H.L. 2987

"Enq. unanswered"

Adm. 3rd Sth Gen.Hpl 11-12-16 - Trenchfeet & S.W. left knee

Trans - 3rd Aust: Aux: Hpl Dartford 31-1-17

Discharged furlough and report No. 1 Command Depot Perham Downs 15-1-17
Cert. by Hpl Index

M

London
2-8-17
25.8-17

65th Battn
late 29th
A.I.F.

H.L. Rosser.
C. Coy. 2984

"Enq. ~~News Wired~~ *Unanswered*"

I got rather a surprise to-day to receive word from you as to someone enquring for news of me. I have had late mail from Australia and my people had received my letters up to date as regards as to how I am getting on. I left France last November 25th and at present stationed at the above address and enjoyingnthe best of health. Thanks for the trouble you have taken to find me.

Letter from:---
H.L. Rosser.
C. Coy.,
65th Battn

Previous enquiry not received.

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London.
18.9.17.

29th Battn.
A.I.F.

ROSSER
H.L. 2987.

"Killed in Action 9-8-18"

Rosser was a stretcher bearer of the 29th Battalion. While we were digging in on August 9th after our morning advance, Rosser came out to us thinking there was a wounded man with us. He was wounded at first by a piece of shell in the arm. While he was being bound up, by one of our lads, another piece of shell hit him in the back, and coming out in front, cut a piece off his pay book which he had in his pocket. He died instantly. I was quite close when this happened. I saw a letter taken out of his pocket which proved that he was Pte Rosser.H.L. I recognised the number above as his number.

Informant:- Thomas. Pte.W.J. 5117.

A.E.B.
London.
27-1-19.
J.E.A.

M.

29th Battn.
A.I.F.

ROSSER.
H.L. 2987.

"Killed in Action 9-8-18"

He was of 29th Battalion. Headquarters Guard. 5ft 6, medium to dark, 23 years. At Vauxvillers on August 9th 1918 at 2.p.m. he was on guard over some German prisoners when a shell came over and killed him and a good many of the prisoners instantly. I carried his body out for burial. He was buried at Vauxvillers Military Cemetery and a cross was erected. I have seen his grave.

Informant:- H.Bartlett. 115.
32(29) Battn. A.C.Hqrs.
SARS POTERIES,
4172.

Later. G.J.Giles and H.Glen 2648. who both assisted at the burial gave similar evidence. W.M.K.

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

M.

29th Btn.

ROSSER, H. L.
Pte. 2987.

K. in act. 9/8/18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a well built man, about 5 ft. 10 ins. dark, aged 20. He was a 6th Rfcts. of the 29th Btn. and embarked on the "Euripides". Casualty was a stretcher bearer in front line when he got a piece in the leg and while the others were away to get a stretcher a shell landed a piece entering his chest killing him instantly. He was buried by the 29th Battalion Pioneers at Harbonnieres."

Informant:- Cpl. O. C. Shaw,
No. 2995, 29th Btn.

Private address:-
c Main Street,
Bairnsdale.

S.V.P.
25/7/19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU—MELBOURNE.

29th Battn.

ROSSER
H.L. 2987

K. 9/8/18

I knew casualty, he was a well built man, 5'9" in height, fair complexion, about 22 years of age. Casualty was at Harbonieres during the advance he was a stretcher bearer and was going across an open trench to get his stretcher when he was killed instantly by a high explosive shell. I was about twenty yards away at the time and saw him killed. I again saw his body as I passed by some time later. He was buried near where he fell. There was a cross, bearing his name, number and unit, erected over his grave.

Informant:- 2751
J. Ramsdale,
C/o J. BOYLE
High Street,
Kyneton.

N.A.T.
17/10/19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU—MELBOURNE.

29th. Btn.

ROSSER.H.L.
Pte. 2987.

K/A. 9.8.18.

I knew Casualty, he was slim built, 5'9" in height, 21 years of age, known as "Harry". Casualty was advancing at Harbonniers. He was a Stretcher Bearer and while carrying out wounded, a shell landed killing him instantly. I saw Stretcher Bearers E. King, and W. Plumridge put Casualty's body on a stretcher, he was then dead. I do not know if he was buried.

Informant:- G.D. Turner,
3675,
Private address:-
8 Selborne Street,
Auburn.

S.V.P.
24.10.19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU—MELBOURNE.

1 Eng. unanswered

Wind mill
Camp Sept 7 1917
Via Andover.

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Yours Truly
H. L. Prosser

I dont suppose you have the address of the inquirer

E. Coy
65 Batt
Late 29.

(Type - previous inquiry not received -)

M

August 30th, 1917.

2987 Pte. H.L.Rosser,
29th Battalion,
A.I.F., B.E.F.

Dear Pte. Rosser,

We have received a cable from our Melbourne Bureau asking for news of you. On the receipt of this, will you kindly write to us letting us know how you are, so that we may cable Melbourne and thus relieve your peoples anxieties.

With every good wish. Awaiting your reply.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.