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3929 Lance Sergeant Albert Cornelius Shields

20th Battalion



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A.I.F.
20th. Battalion.
late 17th. Battalion.

SHIELDS. 8929.
L/Sgt. Albert Cornellins.

"Killed in Action 9.10.17".

No trace Germany.

Cert. by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.

London.
18.10.19.

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A.I.F. 20th Btn
late 17th Btn

SHIELDS
L/Sgt.Albert Cornelius 3929A

"MISSING"

Killed in action 9-10-17 - previously reported Missing
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 20-2-18.

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London
21-2-18

Australian Draft. 29.4.16.

Mrs J. Shields

c/o Mrs Myers

Ida Allison Pa

Kensington Sydney

about 1/2

3929 a. L/Sgt. A. C. Shields

20 Batt. A.I.F.

L.B.

R.F.A. 39th Btty (A.F.A.)
10th F.A.B.

STREET
Alfred James 2694(HI)
not 29644

"In Hospital"

Adm. 56th Gen.Hpl 6-4-18 - N.Y.D.H.
Cert. by Hpl Index

Trans. 26th Gen.Hpl 9-4-18 - N.Y.D.H. now reported sick

Trans: 6th Conv: Dep: 11-4-18 - R.A.F. (no appreciable disease)
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 23-4-18.

London
23-4-18

20th Battn. L/Sgt. A.C. SHIELDS, 3024a

K~A

~~"K. I. W. 7th Oct/17"~~

Medium height, well built, fair, about 25 years of age, clean shaven, slightly curly hair, popular with the boys.

I last saw him on October 7th/17, we were doing a hopover. I was talking to him when a shell landed quite close and he fell; I was unable to stay with him as I had to go on with the boys. I feel sure he was killed from the way he fell.

I did not see him again, nor do I know where he was buried.

Informant:- Pte. V. Dugan 3315a
20th Battn. A.I.F.

Searcher:-
R.W. Pfeiffer,
Adt. Hdqrs.,
on board H. T. "Dunluce Castle" 14/4/18

Melbide
22/5/18

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ORIGINAL STATEMENT ECHELON. 2636/4/13

C O P Y

Statement made by No.6122 Pte Johansen N. 20th Btn.

re No.3929 Pte Shields H.C.20th Btn.
Missing 9.10.17

After going over the top in the advance at Ypres, Shields was missing, whilst coming back next day after being relieved, I saw No.3929 Pte H.C. Shields. 20th Battalion, lying dead in a shell hole not far from the starting point.

Dated at Brighton this 24th day of January 1918.

(Sgd) N. Johansen

Statement made and signed before me

(Sgd) W.W.G. Lipman. Captain.

A.I.F. 20.

A.C.
SHIELDS, W.J. 3929.

M. Oct. 9th 1917.

The Shields I knew was an acting sergeant in B.V. He was reported missing on Oct. 9th but when we came back on the night of the 10th after our attack I saw Shields' body in a shell hole dead. W.M.Gallagher, B.V. and L/Cpl Vauxhall, B.V. also saw the body with me. Shields was a fair man, 5ft 6, with a nasal accent. I think he came with 5th Reinf.

Inf: N.Johansen. 6122. 20.B.V.
No. 14 Gen Hosp.
BOULOGNE. 12.12.17. WO

Letter to Pte Gallagher returned 2-2-18 marked Killed in Action
Letter to L/Cpl Vauxhall returned 6-2-18 marked Not with 20th Bttn.

Written ~~Lt~~ Pte Gallagher
~~Sgt~~ Cpl Knudall } 31.12.17

Address
Mr J Shields
40 Grosvenor
Gibson rd
Kensington

Oct
29.4.15

Kensington Rd
29th Sept 15

Dear Sir

I am writing to you to see if you could discover some information of Cpl C. Shields who was reported missing on the 9th of 10th-15 on the 20th of this month he has been reported killed in action on that date & want you to find out if this is a fact & if so try & find out where he was killed & how & if his personal effects could be sent on to Australia. Why I ask this favour of you is I am not satisfied in my mind he is killed I may be wrong but I hope not for if he was killed on that date surely to God his body has not been lying for 4 months without being discovered till now I think what I ask is due, as my Brother fought & fell I get an answer to this or no Tell me just how he fell it does not matter how cruel has dealt Swan-



Address -
Mr J. H. Shields
c/o Mrs Gibson
28 Gibson Rd
Kensington

Aet
29.4.18

Kensington Rd
S.A.
1918

Dear Sir

I am writing to you to see if you could discover some information for Ch. Shields who was reported missing on the 9th of 10th - 17 on the 20th of this month he has been reported killed in action on that date & want you to find out if this is a fact & if so try to find out where he was killed & how & if his personal effects could be sent on to Australia. Why I ask this favour of you is I am not satisfied in my mind he is killed I may be wrong but I hope not for if he was killed on that date surely to God his body has not been lying for 4 months without being discovered till now I think what I ask is due, as my Brother fought & fell I get an answer to this or no Tell me just how he fell it does not matter how cruel fate has dealt I want

No 3929

Corp A G Shields
B Coy 1st
2nd Batt
5 Brig
2 Div
A I F

missing 9-10-17
last letter dated 8th 9 17