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5895 Private Nelson Francis Skinner

20th Battalion



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20th Battalion, A.I.F. SKINNER, N.F. Pte. No.5895

"Killed, 20/9/17."

I knew Private Skinner very well, he came, I think, from New Zealand. He went away with me in the 16th Reinforcements; both of us were Lewis Gunners, and were in "B" Company He was quite young, almost a boy, with fair complexion, and about 5'5" in height.

On September 20th, 1917, near Ypres, we were engaged in a stunt about 3 p.m., I was then only a few yards from him. I saw a shell burst, and saw him fall, killed outright. We had just reached our objective, and were relieved next day. I did not see him buried. I handed his personal effects to Capt. Harlon of the 20th Battalion, who was then Company Commander.

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"Killed in Action 20.9.17"

No trace Germany.

Cert. by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.

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