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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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4765 Private
David Bernard Sullivan

25th Battalion



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25th Battn.
A.I.F.

Sullivan.
Pte. D. B. 4765

"Killed in Actioh.4.10.17."

In reply to your inquiry regarding the abovementioned soldier of this Battalion, I regetto inform you that he was killed in action on 4th Oct. 1917.

Letter from:-
The Adjutant,
25th Battn.
5.11.17.

London.
19.11.17.

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25. A.I.F. Sullivan. Pte. D.B. 4765.

K. Oct. 4/17.

"I knew Sullivan whom we called Anzac. I was close to him when he was hit by part of the same shell by which I was wounded. He was buried by the shell all but his face. This was on the left of the road from Zonnebeke to Roulers, about 1000 yds (? 100) yds from church. I can't say if he was otherwise buried."

Eyewitness:

Description:

Informant: Pte. W.J. Harris. 3439.
A Coy. 25. A.I.F.
King George Hospital,
Stamford Street.

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22/12/17.
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25th Btn
A.I.F.

SULLIVAN
D.B. 4765

"Killed Oct 4/17 Det. D/B"

We had consolidated 800 yards beyond Zonnebecke Church, and 40 yds to the right of the road to Roulers at about mid-day on Oct: 4th and were resting when a shell dropped behind the trench, killing Sullivan and another man andwounding me and two others. He was just able to say "Stretcher Bearer" (His head not having been buried) but became unconscious and died immedately afterwards. He was buried the same night just behind the parados. It was about 50 yards on our side of an old German trench. A " nuggetty" man of about 5' 5" who had been on the cookers about a week previously. Clean shaven, medium colouring, Was in my section (in A. Co. IV Plat.) No one else of the name in company. We called him " Anzac".

Informant:- Harris. Pte W.T. 3489 a
A. Co, IV Plat.
25 Btn,
A.I.F.

B.

London.
A. G. Campbell,
29/1/18

26th Battn.
A.I.F.

Sullivan,
D.B. 4765

"Killed Oct: 4/17. Det. D/B"

The shell by which I was wounded killed L/Cpl. Godfrey, next to me, Sullivan next man to Godfrey and another man. I saw them killed, Godfrey fell on top of me. This was on the slope of a ridge facing Passchendaele, just as we finished digging in after taking our objective. I was told they were buried, believe where they fell. Cpl. Wotherspoon A. Coy 26th, when on leave about Xmas time told me- he is probably back with the Coy now.

Informant:- Whalan Cpl. W.H. 4568 ,
25th A. Coy,
9 Hut,
Westham.

W.A. Rand.

London.
31.1.18.

Note: Written Wotherspoon. 26.1.18.

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22nd June 1918.

A.I.F. 25.

Sullivan D.B. No.4765.

K. 4th Octr 1917. Det D/B.

This man was on the cooker for some time, he came from Queensland little, short, nuggety fellow, dark, married, illiterate. We attacked at Zonnebeke, Sullivan went over the top and was blown up by a shell. He was probably buried with the shell. He was killed outright.

Inf:- C.Q.M.S. H. King No. 147.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

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W.H.B.

J.E.A.

28th A. L. Battalion

The
Secretary
Aust. Red. Cross. Society
54 Victoria Street
London S.W.1.

2e No 1765. Pte Sullivan D. 12th Batt

Sir

In reply to your enquiry of 31st ultimo regarding the above mentioned soldier of this Unit I regret to inform you that he was killed in Action on 4th October 1917.

I am Sir
Your obedient Servant
Lieut
A/Adjutant 25th A.L. 12th Bn

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Sir

26.4.18

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Tel.: VICTORIA 8858.

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: "QUESTMAN, LONDON."

54, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON S.W.1.

October 1st, 1917.

4765 Pte.David.Bernard,Sullivan,
25th Battalion,
A.I.F., B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

We have received a cable from Brisbane in which is stated that your friends have received no letters from you since last October. There is no report of any casualty for you reported at Head-Quarters and we have cabled Brisbane to this effect. On the receipt of this will you write to us as we are anxious to relieve their anxiety by cabling the latest news of you, will you also write to them as you must realise how anxiously they await your letters.

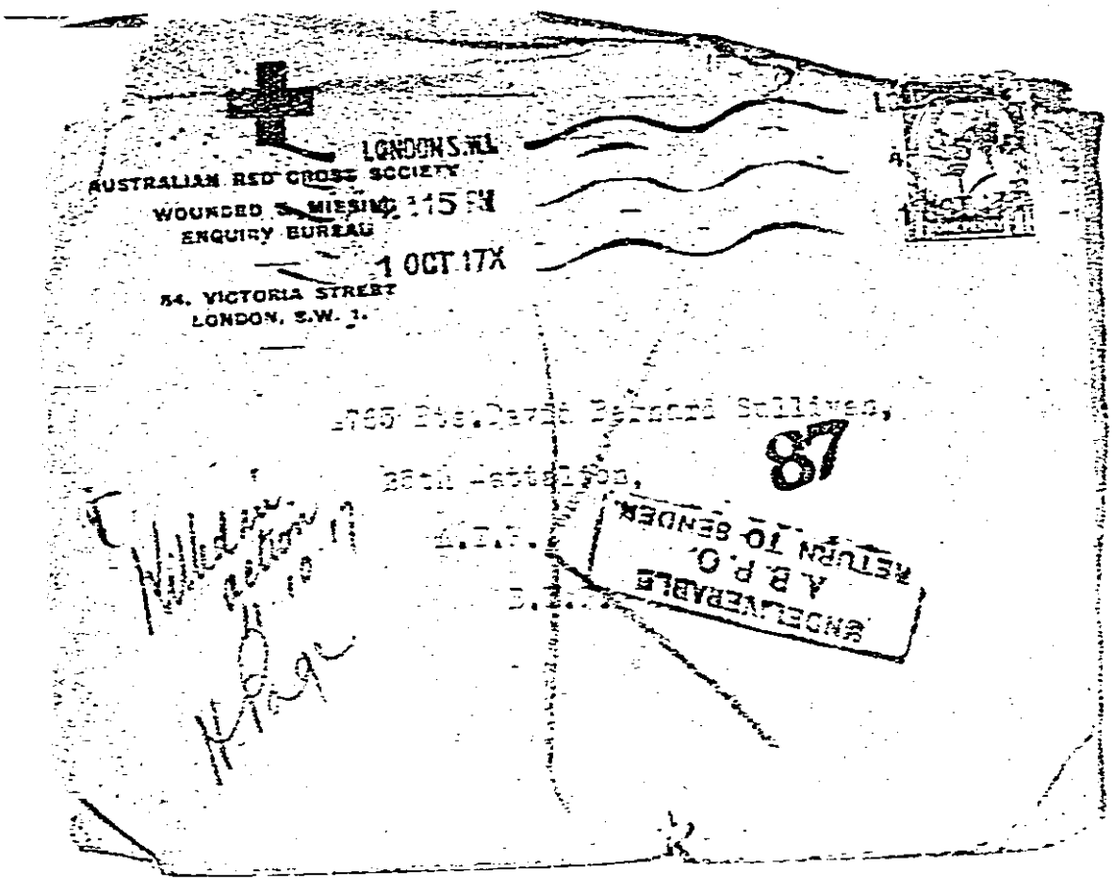
Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,

Vera Deakin

SECRETARY.

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31.10.17

To.
Adjutant,
25th Australian Inf: Batt
B.E.F. - France.

Dear Sir,

We regret having to trouble you, but should be extremely grateful, for any details with which you can supply us concerning:-

4765. Pte. David J. Sullivan, 25th Batt A.I.F.

We have had an anxious cable of enquiry, for him from our Brisbane Office in which the enquirer states, that no letters have been received since last October, and asks for his present whereabouts. - A.I.F.Headquarters have no report of any casualty for him, and we conclude therefore that he is with his Unit, but on hearing definitely from you, we shall cable to Melbourne and relieve the enquirers anxiety. Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,
V.D. Sullivan
Secretary,

NOTE. - We have been informed by various C.O's and Adjutants, that the receipt of notes of thanks only causes them unnecessary inconvenience, Unless you ask us to acknowledge your reply to the above, we will not do so, and we trust you will understand that we appreciate it none the less.