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4251 Lance Corporal Frederick Sullivan

19th Battalion



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A.I.F. 19th Btn

SULLIVAN
L/Cpl. Fredk. 4251

"K/Action 3-5-17"

No trace Germany
Cert. by Capt. Mills 10-10-19.

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A.I.F. 19th Btn

SULLIVAN
L/Cpl Fredk: 4251

"MISSING"

Killed in action 3-5-17 - previously reported Missing
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 8-1-18.

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A. I.F. 19. SULLIVAN, L/Cpl. F.4251.

M. May 3rd, 1917.

The Germans were bombing us out of a communication trench. I was ahead of them. In front of Sullivan was a man named Pte Parker, a L/G. Sullivan was carrying the gun and Parker the panniers. Sullivan suggested to Parker that he had better make a bolt for it over the top as the trench was somewhat blocked up. Thereupon he hopped out of the trench and was never again seen. Parker did not follow. Parker told me this. Sullivan was a L/G. He would be about 30. Rather short, but very stiff. He was a 10th reinf.

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Reference:- L/Cpl. Johnson, W. 4452.
A.I.F. D.XIV.
L.G.School.

Written Pte Parker 31.8.17

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19th BATT. A.I.F. SULLIVAN. L/Cpl F. 4251.

M.May 3rd.1917.

He belonged to D.Coy and was L/Cpl of my Machine gun gun section. I was, as far as I know, the last man to see him. It was on May 3rd in our attack at Bullecourt. We were in the German trench and he was carrying the gun. The last thing he said to me was "Drop the panniers (of ammunition) Bob." I asked him to let he take the gun but he said he could manage it. I told him to stick to the trench and not to try to go over the top. The Germans were then close on us and I could not look round again for we had to withdraw from the trench. However I did not see him again and have no idea whether he stuck to the trench as I advised or tried to get across the top. He had won the DCM and this was the 1st day on which he had worn the ribbon. I always hoped that he would turn up a prisoner. JNA

Ref ---Pte R.J.H.Parker. 6206. D. 15.
No 2 Can. Gen. Hospital.

Le Treport. Sept 22nd.1917

19th Battn.
A.I.F.

SULLIVAN,
L/C F. 4251

"Killed in Action prev. Missing 3.5.17."

Sullivan was No. 1 on Lewis Gun. Pte. Parker, 19 Btn. B. Coy., XIII Pltn, who was No. 2 on same guns, told me that he saw Sullivan in front of a dugout, when a shell burst. He is pretty certain that Sullivan was blown down the dugout. Parker with company as far as I know.

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9.2.18.

NOTE Report re Pte Parker

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Pte PARKER
L. G. S.
19 Batt AIF
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for
4251 Lcpl F.
SULLIVAN
19 Batt AIF

M. 3.5.17

Aug 1.17