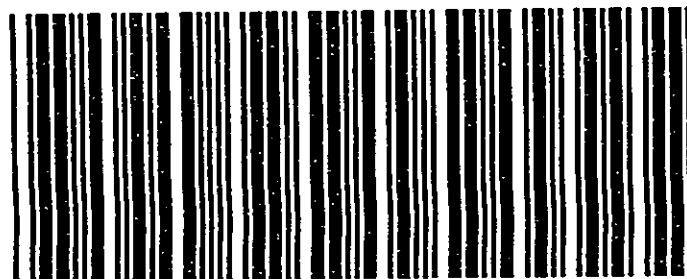


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**3470 Private
Albert Victor Swain**

13th Battalion



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13th Btn.
late 11th Btn.

SWAIN. "M"
Pte. Albert Victor

3470.

Killed in Action 8.8.18.

Buried Renta Cam. G2.D.S.B.q.29.d.5.4. Plot 7, Row J. Grave 1.
Sheet 181.

Cert. by Capt. Spedding's Burial list.

London.
8.10.19.

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A.I.F. 13th Bn (S.C)
late 11th D. Coy.

SWAIN "M.M."
Pte. Albert Victor 3470

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SWAIN
A.V. 3470

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Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 4-7-17.

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SWAIN, (M.E.) A.V. 3470.

E. Aug. 8/18. Det. D/B.

At about 11 a.m. on the above date, we had just reached our objective beyond Morlancourt when Swain was killed. I did not see him killed, but Pte. Wallis A Co. told me that Swain was buried at Morlancourt in a small burial ground outside the village. My mate Wallis was acting as S/B and himself buried Swain, but was also killed the same day. He told me about Swain just before he was himself killed. I did not know Swain.

Reference: H.S. Forster, 3634.
No. 9 General, Rouen. 6.12.19.

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13th Battn.
A.I.F.

SWAIN.
"M.M" 3470. A.V.

"Killed in Action 8-8-18"

Hamlet near Corbie. While in a shell hole, waiting to move off, shell lobbed into the hole, killing him at once. Also Clause. I went and pulled both of them out of the shell hole to get a man who was wounded out. I knew Swain well. In same platoon.

Informant:- Ryan.R.3700A.
ANZAC BUFFET.

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13th BATTALION, A.I.F.

SWAIN - Pte. A.V.
No. 3470.

"Killed 8.8.18."

Informant described Swain as about 5 ft 5 or 6 in. high, fairly heavy build, medium complexion, aged about 25 or 26.

Informant states that they both belonged to C. Company, and Swain was one of the Company stretcher bearers. On 8.8.18 the Battalion was in action to the left of Hamel. They hopped over at 3.30 a.m. Before the hop-over, while they were laying out behind the front line waiting for the barrage to open, Swain was hit by a whiz-bang. Informant was about 50 yards away and saw Swain hit and went over to him and saw that he was dead. They hopped over half an hour afterwards. He never saw Swain again and cannot say where he was buried as they went forward about 10 kilometres and never returned to the spot where Swain had been killed.

According to informant Swain was a very popular chap.

Informant: Lance-Corporal K. Miller, M.M., No. 7041.
C. Company, 13th Battalion.

Home address: Como, Illawarra Road, Marrickville.

J.E.G.
Garrison Hospital, Victoria Barracks.
5.3.19.

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13th BATTALION, A.I.F.

SWAIN - Pte. A.V.
No. 3470.

"Killed 8.8.18."

Swain and I were together in "C" Company. I first met him when he joined up in France in April 1918. I knew him very well. He was a stretcher bearer. He was lightly built and about 5 ft 5 inches in height and was of dark complexion. I can't describe the locality but we were just about to engage in a stunt and were occupying some shell holes. Swain and another stretcher bearer named Clause were together in a shell hole about 10 yards away from the shell hole where I was. I saw a shell burst. Swain was killed outright by the shell and Clause was badly wounded. I rushed up and dragged Swain off Clause. I carried Clause into a dressing station but he died soon afterwards.

Informant: Private R. Ryan, No. 3700.

"C" Company, 13th Battalion.

Home address: "Taranaki Street, Wellington,
New Zealand.

W.C.W.

Victoria Barracks, Sydney.

26.4.19.

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13th BATTALION. A.I.F.

"Killed 8/8/1918".

SWAIN, Private
A.V. No. 3470

Informant described Swain as about 5'6" high, rather slight, fair, aged 20, was a "Military Medalist". They left Australia together per the "Port Lincoln" on 14/10/15. Informant states that they both belonged to "D" Company - Swain being a Stretcher-bearer. On 8/8/18 the Battalion was in action between Warfusssee and Corby. They hopped over at daybreak. At the hop-over Swain was helping to carry a stretcher with a wounded man on it when he was killed outright by a shell. Informant was about 50 yards away and saw Swain fall, but could not wait to investigate, as he had to go on in the advance. He never saw Swain again, but afterwards saw his grave in the open near to Vere Wood. A few other graves were scattered about. Swain's grave was marked with his steel hat and one of his discs, and it was intended to put up a cross later. Informant added that Swain was well thought of by his mates.

Informant:- 3403. Corporal H.G. McIlveen,
"D" Company - 13th Battalion.

Private address:- 1 Northwood Street, Newtown, Sydney.

The under-noted was also in "D" Company with Swain. He did not see Swain hit but from hearsay could confirm what McIlveen told me. Informant, however, saw Swain's grave in the place indicated above.

W.E.G. Informant:- 3584 - Pte. J.P. Mulavy, 13th Battn. (Sydney Bureau)
Ahzag Buffet. (No address given)

13th BATTALION.
A.I.F.

SWAIN, Private
A.V. No. 3470

"Killed 8/8/1918".

We were in action at Villers Bretonneux. Just before the hop-over a shell landed on the top of the trench. Swain happened to put his head up and he was killed instantly. We had just received orders to advance. Swain was the first man killed till we reached the objective. I cannot say anything about his burial and I did not hear anything after. He was attached to either "A" or "G" Company. I was in the same Battalion "D" Company as Stretcher-bearer.

Informant:- 3533. Pte. J.W. Campbell,

Private address:- MACKSVILLER N.S.Wales.

G.S.A.
A.I.F. Furlough Bureau,
Sydney. 19-5-19.

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