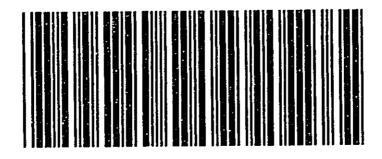
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2619 Lance Corporal George William Douglas Oliver

59th Battalion



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59th Batn., A. I. F. OLIVER, G. W. D. 2619.

"Killed in action - 4-7-18."

"He was a Corporal in "B" Coy., I was alongside him and saw him killed by one of our own bombs as we were going over the top at the right of Ville-sur-Ancre in the early morning about 4.30 a.m. I called out "are you all right George", but he could not enswer me. We went on and took the position, that of the enemy front line trench and beyond and to the right of Ville-sur-Ancre. "e was buried after, when they went back for his pay-book, etc., at Merricourt in A.I.F. cemetery there, where everything was in good order.

I knew him well and he was a fine chap, being also rather a quiet sort. We often played cricket together in the Battalion.

Informant: Pte.Arthur, J.A., 3489,
"B" Coy., 59th Batn.,
3rd A.A.H., Dartford.,

M. Burns Priddle, London, 15-11-18. H. G.

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A.I.F. 59th Battn.

OLIVER G.7.D. 2619.

"Killed 4/7/18."

He was a Lance Corporal in B, Ccy, and was killed at Ville-sur-Ancre after we hopped off the tape. He was missing, but I believe his body was found later, though I cannot say where he was buried. I went to two different Cemeteries to try and find out where his grave was, but it was in neither of them. Refer to the Crout R. "B" Ccy, who is somewhere in England wounded, for he was the last to see him, and told me that when they were going through thick crop, he called out "Are you alright, George," and Oliver replied "Yes," but when he looked round a little later, he could not see any sign of him. He was pretty popular with the boys, and had been about 20 months with the Battalion.

Informent: - Fte. D. Caithness, 3366,
"A" Ccy, (Fx.B.Coy)

59th Bettn.,
3rd A.A. Hospital,
Dartford.

N. Burns Priddle. London

27.11.18. H.G.

Note: - Written Crout, 21.11.18.

Letter returned not with unit

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OLIVER, G. W. D., 2619.

"Killed in action - 4-7-18."

"He was in my Coy., we were in front of Morlancourt, 4th July after taking enemy front line.

The next day I was a runner and saw the Stretcher Bearers bring his body back. I recognised it. as I knew him well.

I saw him buried at a small cemtery just behind Morlancourt, other bodies were put in same grave. No Cross was erected at that time.

Discription: - Age 24 - 25. Height about 5ft 5 -6 ins. Weight about 10 - 11 stone. Dark complexion.

Informant:- Pte. Williams, A., 2674, B. Coy., 59th Batn., Littlemoor Camp, Weymouth.

T. C. Osborne, London, 27-11-18, J. E. A.

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G.W.D. 2619

He was in B.Coy., and was a L/Cpl. I did not see the Casualty and cannot give any details of same. I saw his grave in

a Hilitary Cemetery at Ribemont near the Railway Line and grave was marked by a Cross having full details marked thereon.

He was missing for a few days but found his dead body in standing crop. Corporals Rule, W. and Rusden and Pte. Grenville, J. all of B.Coy. are all buried in the same Cemetery side by side, and graves are all marked.

> Informant - Hill.Pte.J. 5115 59th Battn. B.Coy., 3rd A.A.H. DAHI FORD.

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I knew casualty, he was a man of medium build, medium complexion, 5'10" in height, about 25 years of age. Casualty was at front line at Villers sur Ance and was an duty in the trench when a high explosive shell killed him instantly. I was fifty yards away at the time and saw his body lying in the trench. I do not know where he was buried.

Cpl. C. KROMPSTIC, 2427

Private Address: - 246 York Street_ Prahran.

N.A.T. 8/8/19.

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K. July 14th, 1918.

I didn't actually see L/Cpl. George Oliver, of B.VII., killed at Villers-aur-Anore by m.g. fire shortly after he hopped over, but we left the tape together at 3.15 a.m. and I was the last man he spike to. He said "Come on, Gribbo.". When we reached our objective he was missing and we didn't get the body (it was in a high crop) for two days. He was not much knocked about but must have been killed instantly soon after we started as the body was quite near the starting point. I saw the dead body. He was buried near where he fell.

George Oliver was from Victoria. Tall, thin, about 25 years of age. A very nice fellow and well - liked.

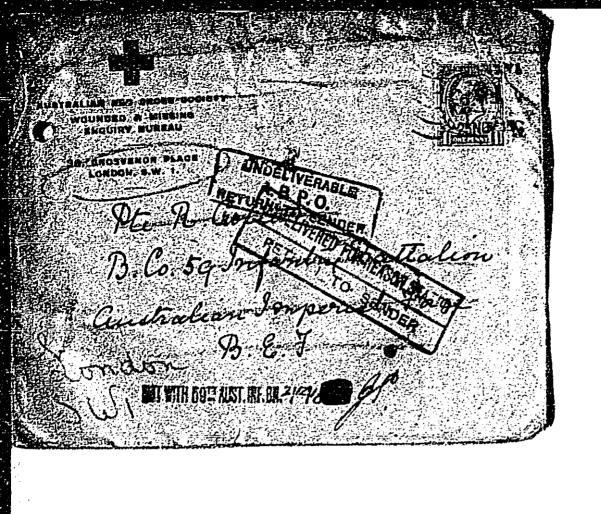
Inf. Pte. J. M. Gribbin, 3400, 59. D.Co.(late B.VII)

No.3. Aust. Gen. Hodp.

Abbeville. 7.11.18. HRH.

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36. GROSVENOR PLACE.

LONDON S.W. 1. 21.11.18

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Pt. R. Crout

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries about a man of your unit,

2619 Pte 9.W. J. Oliver. 59 Bette . a. 9. F reported Killed 4.7. 18

and have been told that you may be able to help us by supplying some information.

We should be most grateful for any details you can send us concerning him, but our enquirers wish especially to know whether he was buried, if so, whether it was on the field, or in a soldiers' cemetery where the grave would be registered. We would also be glad if you could add a short description of his personal appearance or any points that might help to prove his identity.

In your reply kindly quote name, initials and number, as without these particulars delay and confusion might be caused in identifying the soldier about whom you have written.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Dealum

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