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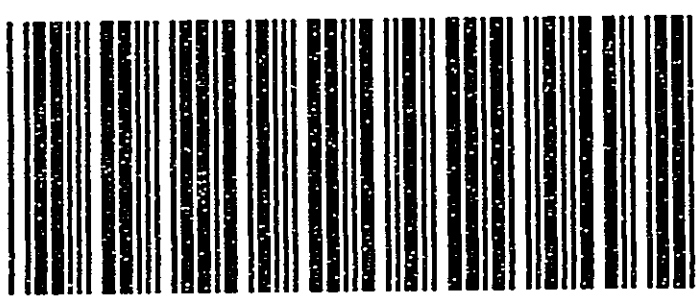
32142 Gunner Norman Leslie Joseph Considine

2nd Field Artillery Brigade



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2nd Bgde
4th Battery
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CONSIDINE
N.L.J. 32142

"Killed 31.10.17"

I did not see the casualty, but I saw him soon after. He and several others were caught by a shell whilst in a dugout and was very badly knocked about, death being instantaneous. Casualty was at Anzac Ridge I knew him very well, he came away from Anzac-RidgeAustralia with me by the s.s. "Osterley" which left 10.2.18. He came from just near Sydney and was a clerk is civil life, and used to work with some wood buyers there. He was buried at place of casualty, but I did not see his grave and I cannot refer to anyone.

Witness:- Gnr. L.H. Clessold 35021
2nd Bgde 4th Battery
3rd A.A.Hospital,
Dartford

W.Oman
London.
21.1.18

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2nd Field Artillery
AIF

CONSIDINE
N.L.J. 32142

"Killed Oct 31st 1917"

Jack Considine 4th Battery was killed by a gas bomb in a dugout at Anzac Ridge-another 4th Battery man(named forgotten) killed at same time. I was there just after it happened and saw both the bodies They were both taken away and I believe are buried at Dickiebusch. I did not know any other Considine in the battery but I should have thought his number was lower than this, more like a four figure number. He was a batman to Captn. Sexton at LarkHill.

Witness:- Dvr. L. Staunton 33603
5th Battery
Hut 21
Westham

W.A.Hand
London.
21.1.18

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Havre

7th February 1918.

2nd A. A.F.A.

Considine H.J.L. No.32142.

K. 31st Octr 1917. Dot D/B.

The Considine I knew was in the 1st ~~Amby~~ Bde 3rd Batty. I know his initial. I saw his body brought down to get buried at Dickebusch about the 31st October at the Military Cemetery there.

Inf:- Gunner E.J.Paine No.943.
1st Bde 101st Howitzer Batty.
Havre Hospital.

HPG.

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A.F.A. 2 Bde N.Z. CONSIDINE, 32142.

K. Oct 31st 1917. Dets.

I saw his headstone with name etc at our wagon lines going up to Dickebusch Cemetery. The number and date are correct. I heard how he was killed in a dugout at night with two others by shell. Sgt Major Freeman of the 4th Bty and with them now would be able to give details of his death. He was a gunner in the 4th bty. I came over from Blighty with him Oct 18th 1917. He came from northern part of NSW and I believe was in a Stock and Station Agent's office. He was stoutly built, ruddy complexion, was called "Con", used to blink very much, was about 25, raddish hair.

Inf: Drv, W.M.Anderson. 31228. 2/4.
No. 83 Gen Hosp.
BOULOGNE. 9.1.18.

Taken from Files WG

Written s/Mr Freeman 22.2.18.

Serre. 25th. February 1918.

2nd. Brigade. A. F. A. Considine E. J. L. No. 32142.

K. 31st. October 1917. Note. D/B.

I saw Considine's body brought down to Diekebusche; he had been wounded in the head. This was on October 31st. I saw him sewn up by a Corporal of the 10th. Howitzer Battery, 1st. Brigade. He was buried at Diekebusche. I knew Considine he was rather tall.

Inf:- Gunner S. J. Paine. No. 943.
1st. Brigade. A. F. A.
101st. Battery.
Australian Camp.
Romelles.

CFS.

CONSIDINE,
H.L.J. 32142

1st Bgde
3rd Batty.
A.I.F.

"Killed 31.10.17."

I was at his funeral at Reminghulst cemetery. It was at the latter end of August, not October. Q.M.S. W.S.Cameron of same unit now at St.Johnswood Cadet School was also at his funeral and will confirm.

Informant:- Sgt.S.S.Gordon 11067,
1st Bgde, 3rd Batty,
Dartford.

L.P.J.

London.
27.2.18.

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NOTE Written Cadet Cameron 26.2.18.
letter returned marked "no trace"

2nd Bde., late 7th.
A.F.A. A.I.F.

CONSIDINE
N.L.J. 32142

"Killed in Action 31-10-17"

Re 32142 Gnr. N.L.J. Considine, killed in action 31-10-17. Gnr. Considine was working with a gun detachment when a shell entered the dug-out and he was killed instantly. This happened on Anzac Ridge and the body was brought down from the position and buried in a soldiers' Cemetery at Dickebusch. All private effects were sent to the Base to be forwarded to the next of kin.

Letter from:- Freeman T.B/S/M.
FRANCE. 27-2-18

London
21-3-18

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Note:-
We regret the delay in typing the above report, but we have been obliged to hold it up on account of pressure of work and shortage of machines.

Ack. 18.3.18

In the Field
27/2/18.

Miss Vera Deakin
Secy. Aust Red Cross Socy.
London.

32142
N.L.J. CONSIDINE
2 F AB. late 7th
K/A 31-10-17 S 3 (OD)

Dear Madam 2nd Bust

In reply to your letter of 22nd inst, the following are particulars of No. 32142 Gr. N.L.J. Considine, killed in Action 31/10/17. Gr. Considine was working with a gun detachment when a shell entered the dug out & he was killed instantly. This happened on 'Anzac' Ridge & the body was brought down from the position & buried in a Soldiers cemetery at Dickiebusch. All private effects were sent to the Base to be forwarded to the Next of Kin

Yours faithfully

[signature]

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B.S.M.