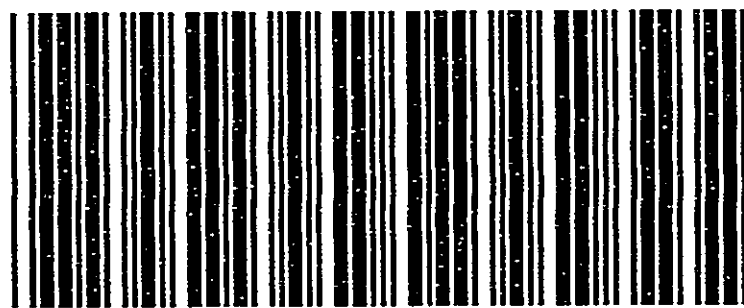


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**4002 Sergeant  
Leslie George Ellis**

**22nd Battalion**



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22nd Battn.  
A.I.F.

ELLIS.  
L.G. 4002.

"Killed in Action 18-8-18"

I only knew one Ellis in our Battalion and he was Actg. S/M of our Company (A) On above date we were at Crucifix Corner, other side of Villers Bretonneux. I saw him shot through the head and stomach by bullets and he died before we retired from the position. We left his body there. He came from Geelong. Pte Binion or Benyan of A.Co. 22nd A.I.F. H.C. Horseferry Road could confirm this. Age about 21/22, 5ft 8/9 in height, about 11 stone, fair complexion.

Informant:- Pte Hoare. T. 168.  
22nd Battn.

T.C. Osborne.  
London.  
27-11-18.

Littlemoor Camp.  
WEYMOUTH.

H.G.

Note:- Written Binion or Binyar  
22-11-18.

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A.I.F. 22nd Battn.

ELLIS  
L.G. 4002.

"Killed 18.8.18."

I saw Acting C/S/M. Ellis' body shortly after he had been hit by shell or bomb at Herliville (crucifix Corner) about 4.30 a.m. He was then in the trench but I don't know whether he was dead. Sergeant W. Nash 1807A, 22nd Battn. A. Coy (not now with Battn. though in France) was with him at the time. He was buried near where he fell. I have seen the grave. A cross was erected. Acting C/S/M. Ellis of A. Coy, was from Mont Duneed, near Geelong. Tall, slight, dark hair, about 25 years. Was very popular with Coy, everybody liked him.

Informant:- Sgt. W.M. Hunting, 2862,  
22nd Battn. A. Coy,  
France.

F.C.H.  
London  
20.12.18.

J.E.A. Note:- Written Sgt. Nash 17.12.18.

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22nd Batn.  
A.I.F.

ELLIS,  
I.G. 4002.

"Killed 18th August, 1918."

"I saw Acting C/S/M Ellis (A.Coy) killed by 5.9 shell at Herleville within a few yards of me in a communication trench leading up to the crucifix. We had just cleared the trench of Germans and were moving on to the Crucifix when he was killed instantly. He was buried on the right of the trench about 25 yards from the Crucifix.

He was doing splendid work at the time, he was one of the best men in the battalion, a very fine soldier.

Informant:- Lt. H. Smith,  
H.Q. Coy., 22nd Batn.

London,  
14-1-19.  
J.E.A.

M.

22nd Battn.  
A.I.F.

ELLIS.  
Pte. L.G. 4002.

"Killed in Action 18-8-18"

He belonged to A. Company. We commenced the attack at Herleville on the morning of the 18th August 1918 at about 4.10.a.m. We were making for a point called the Crucifix. We got to the Crucifix and were forced to retire to our old position. While I was coming down a communication trench, (I was bringing up the rear) I saw Sgt Ellis lying in the communication trench about 30 yards down from the Crucifix. He was still alive at the time (about 4.30.a.m.) and while Binion went for the stretcher bearers, and was absent for about two minutes, Ellis died. I was standing by him at the time. One of his legs had been badly smashed above the knee. I think he had also been hit in the body as he was bleeding from the mouth and the nose. The lad who had gone for the stretcher bearers. Pte. A.L. Binion <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> 22nd Battalion. had returned unable to get help and also saw that he was dead. He was buried on the battlefield where he died. He was killed by a pineapple (a small minnenwerfer) I saw the minnenwerfer ~~burst~~ <sup>burst</sup> I erected a cross on his grave on the 15th September. A lad (Pte Smith) out of an English regiment (name forgotten) is buried beside him. He was the only 22nd Battn man buried just there. The nearest was 300 yards away. I am almost sure that Pte Smith had K.O.Y.L.I. on his cross (see 518. Pte. A.J. McIntyre. 22nd Battn)

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22nd Battn.  
A.I.F.

ELLIS.  
Pte. L.G. 4002.

Description:- He was about 5ft 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> in height, <sup>light</sup> brown hair, of medium build. He was called Donger. He was about the most popular lad in the Company. He was a Sergeant and was also Acting Company Sergeant Major at the time. He came from Geelong. He was a road contractor. He was about 25 or 26.

Informant:- 1807A. Sgt. W. Nash.  
A. Coy. 22nd Battn.  
A.I.F. B.E.F.

London.  
21-1-19.

M.

22nd Btn.

ELLIS, I.G.  
Sgt. No. 4002

Kld. in act. 18.8.18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a tall man, well built, dark complexion about 24 years of age, known as Leo. Casualty was in the trenches at Hurleville. A pineapple bomb exploded near Casualty killing him instantly. I was 15 yards away at the time the pineapple shell exploded and I saw his body lying in a trench near the Crucifix. He was buried at Crucifix Corner and I saw his grave. I erected the cross over his grave."

Informant:- R.F. Day, D.C.M. M.M.  
2272

Private address  
1504 Sturt Street,  
Ballarat.

B.C.F.  
23.5.19.

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or Binyar

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4002 Pte L. G. Ellis  
22 Pttu a. i. f

K 18. 8. 18

Written 22. 11. 18

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36. GROSVENOR PLACE.

LONDON S.W. 1.

17. 12. 18

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22 Plt. A. 1.7

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reported killed 18. 8. 18

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written.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera ~~Deakin~~

Secretary.

per Mrs

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Answered enquiry in person



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