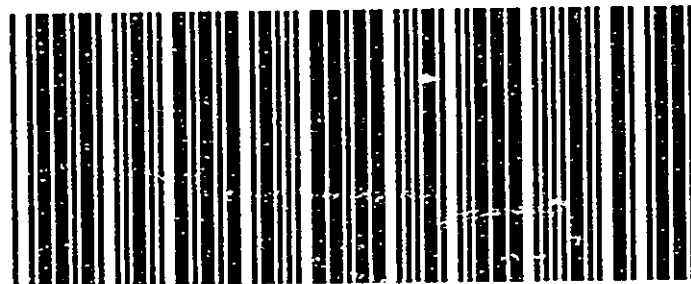


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2099 Private
Michael Kelly

60th Battalion



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60th. Battn.
late 5/23rd.

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Dartford Kent.

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Michael KELLY
2099

"K/Action 26-9-17"

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A. I. F. 60th Bn.

KELLY, M. 2099.

Killed 26 Sept./17. Det.D/B.

He was in D.Coy. Hdqrs. Our lines were just off the Menin Road. I saw him killed with my own eyes about 1.0 p.m. He was in the middle of a sunken road and was carrying up rations to D.Coy., being the Quartermaster-Sergt.'s Assistant. A shell struck him and blew him to pieces; there was nothing left of him. He came from Melbourne District. His name was Michael; he had red hair; thick set and well made.

Reference: Pte. T. J. Wilson, 2780, D. XV.

H.S."St.Andrew", Rouen, 12.4.13.

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Kelly M. 2099

60th A.I.F.

(k. Sept. 25th 1917 Dets D/B)

*late 3rd of
23rd Oct*

"I was near Polygon Wood on 25th September 1917 and saw Kelly whom I knew quite well. He was starting on a ration party, and was struck by an enemy shell. I was near by when it happened. His remains were buried in the vicinity."

Eye witness: Yes.

Description: Nickname 'Mick', fair colouring, medium height rather stout and clean-shaven.

Informant: F.J. Sampson 2481,
60th A.I.F., D Coy. 15th Pltn.
Kitchener's Block, Brighton.

Home address: Moyhn,
Wangaratta,
Victoria, Australia.

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60th Battn. A.I.F.

late 2/23.

KELLY M. 2099.

"Killed 25.9.17."

He was assistant C.M.S. to D.Co. 60th Battn. A.I.F. and was killed by a shell (the back of his head being blown off) while waiting for rations at "Hell Fire Corner at about 4 p.m. on Sept. 25/17. I was about 25 yds. off and ran over to him. He died on the stretcher in a few minutes without recovering consciousness. My pal G.P. Jones, who is now sitting 2/M/S of D.Co. 60th Battn. A.I.F. was present and wrote home to Kelly's sister, and Geo Neil, 2/M/S of D.Co. 60th Battn. A.I.F. who is now away wounded, was also present. Kelly was a small fair man of about 23. We called him "Chick".

Inf. Pte. P. Johnston. 2333.

60th Battn. A.I.F.

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DARTFORD.

A.G. Campbell,

London.

17.7.18.

N.W.

NOTE.

Written 2/M/S. Neil & Jones.

17.7.18.

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60th Battn. late 23rd.
A.I.F.

KELLY M. 2099.

"Killed in Action 25.9.17."

Re Pte. M. Kelly. On the morning of the 25.9.17. he was my assistant on a ration fatigue. We were heavily shelled and a piece of shell cut the back of his head off. I put a couple of bandages on him but I am afraid he was too badly wounded to live. I then handed him over to two stretcher bearers (Scottish) and they took him away I could not go with them as a couple of Tommies were buried by the same shell and I had to dig them out. Just before I got hit our Padre told me he was making enquiries to ascertain whether M. Kelly was buried at Dickbusch, so I will write to ask him to forward his information to you.

Sorry I cannot help you more in this matter, but I presume the stretcher bearers would take him to the main D/Stn in Menin road Ypres, which was being stopped by 14th Field Ambulance so they may be able to tell you something of him.

His appearance, Height 5ft. 5in. Complexion, Fair, Height 10 Stone, Broken Nose. He has a sister residing in Marion St., Fitzroy, Victoria, but she is married and I don't know her name.

Letter from.) Geo. E. Neil. C.M.S.

60th Battn. A.I.F.

3rd A.A. Hosp. Dartford. Kent.

London.

25.7.18.

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60th Battn.
A.I.F.

KELLY.
M. 2099

"Killed 25-9-17"

Kelly was acting Q/M and went down on a ration fatigue at Polygon Wood when a shell burst and killed him outright. It was towards Hooge that he was killed.

I did not see him killed but heard of it just after it happened. I cannot say anything definite as to his burial.

Informant:- Miller.R.2292.
60th H.Q.late D.Co.
Hut 21.WESTHAM.

W.A.Rand.
London.
14-8-18.
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60th BATTALION, A.I.F.

KELLY M. Private, No.2099

25
"Killed 26.9.17"

Informant described Kelly as about 5 feet 9 inches high, fairly heavy build, rather reddish complexion, aged about 25. His mates used to call him Matt.

Informant states that they both belonged to "D" Company and Kelly was Assistant Quarter Master. On 25.9.17 the Battalion was going into the line at Polygon Wood after nightfall. The shelling was so heavy that the Battalion stopped on account of it, and during the stoppage Kelly was killed outright by a shell. Informant was close to him and saw him. He went over and recognised Kelly. Soon afterwards the Battalion resumed its march.

According to Informant Kelly was very popular with the boys

INFORMANT :- Private H. Lewitz, No.4000
"D" Company, 60 Battalion
Home address 244 Barson Avenue,
DARLINGHURST

W.E.G.
No. 4 Australian General Hospital,
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2099 M. Kelly
60 Bttn late 23rd

1/A 25.9.17

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3rd
A. A. Hos.
Dartford
Kent
17.7.18

Dear Miss Perkins

Re your enquiry about Pte M. Kelly 2099. 60th Bttn. A.I.F.
I beg to inform you that on the morning of the 25/9/17
he was my assistant on a ration fatigue. He was severely
shelled & a piece of shell cut the back of his head
off. I put a couple of bandages on him but I was
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told me he was making enquiries to ascertain whether
M. Kelly was killed at Dieppe beach so I will write
to ask him to forward his information to you.

Sorry I cannot help you more in
this matter but it seems the stretcher bearers were
taken to the main dressing station on 29/9/17.
Officers which was being staffed by 14th Field Ambulance.
So they may be able to tell you something of him.

His personal appearance

Height 5 ft 5 ins
Complexion Fair
Weight 10 stone
(Beckingham)

He has a sister residing in
Aberdeen St. John's Victoria Park
She is married & I don't know
her name

Yours sincerely
Geo. C. Heil M.D.
60th Bttn
A.I.F.

W. F. J.