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**2299 Private
Harold George
Blanchard Card**

43rd Battalion



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A.I.F. 43rd Btn

C CARD
H.S.B. 2299

"WOUNDED"

Wded - adm. 3rd Ldn Gen. Hpl 4-8-17 - G.S.W. Back, and sym
Cert. by Hpl Index

Discharged furlough and report Headquarters 30-8-17
Cert. by Hpl Index

First Casualty

London
8-11-17

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Havre.

21st. October. 1918.

43rd. Australians.

Card, H. G. B. 2299.

K. August. 22/1918. Data. D/B.

I know Private 'Curly' Card, A. 2. 7. he came from Western Australia in the 4th. to the 43rd. Reinforcements. He was about 26. tall, slim, fair, moustache; had been wounded before at Warneton last year. I saw his body lying in 'No Man's Land' while we were advancing near Bray about August 22nd. 1918 He was killed by shell along with Sergeant Murphy of A. Company. We advanced and held the ground. I do not know where they were buried but I think it would be in the Bray Cemetery.

Inf:- Private. E. L. Ware. 2511.
43rd. Australians. A. 2.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

P.
M.

RDM.

J. R.

CP.

A.I.F. 43rd Battn.

CARD (supplement)
H.G.B.2299.

" killed 22/8/18."

He was in "A" Company and I saw him killed, but I do not remember name of place of casualty. He was taken away to Dressing station, but died on the way; he was conscious when taken away. Casualty happened early in the morning at which time we were moving forward and he was hit by pieces of shell all over the body. I was quite close to him at the time. I knew him well and he came from Western Australia. I cannot give any details of burial. Refer to C.S.M. McLaughlin, "A" Coy, 43rd Battn, who is now in France, for he saw him killed and can give full details of burial. I am sure he took his belongings, and he knew him well, coming from the same place in Western Australia.

Informant:- Pte. A. Gower, 2817,
"A" Coy, 43rd Bn.,
3rd A.A. Hospital,
Dartford.

W. Egan.
22.10.18.
London
5.11.18.
J.E.A.

P.M.

Note:9 Written S/C/M. McLaughlin, 2910.18.

43rd Battn.A.I.F.

Card
H.G.B. 2299.

Killed in Action 22.8.18.

He was in A Coy., 6th Platoon. I knew him well. He was tall, 6ft 1. fair and about 28 years old. Near Bray on Aug.22/18. a shell killed Card and five others. They were all killed instantly. I can only remember three of the others, Cpl.S.Murphy, Pte.J.Hogkin and Cpl.R.R.Scott, all 43rd.Battn.A.Coy. They were all buried together on the field of battle at the place of casualty. No crosses. We were in action at the time and advancing. Have held those parts since. Refer to Pte.J.Pahl S/B 43rd.Battn. A.Coy.,

Informant:- J.J. Edwards. 1124
43rd Battn.A.Coy.,
6th Pltn. A.17.
3rd A.A.H.Dartford.

W.M.X.
17.10.18
London,
5.11.18.
J.E.A.

Note:- Written Pahl 4.11.18.

E.H.

A.I.F. 43rd Battn.

CARD

H.G.B.2299.

"Killed in Action 22.8.18."

No.2299 Pte. Card, was in my Company. He was killed on the 22nd August 1918, while advancing towards Bray. I may mention he did not suffer at all a 5.9 shell landing right amongst us, killing and wounding several others. I can only say he was buried, myself and his Cobber buried him later on in the evening on the Field. We have the Map location of the spot; all we could do at the time was to mark his grave by a shield and steel helmet. No doubt by this time there is a cross erected. I believe they have been erecting crosses since we left that part of the country. I wrote to his people both in England and in Australia. If I can clear anything further or in any other case you are in the dark of that I may know please let me know. It will please me much.

Letter from:- No.2425 C/S/M. McLaughlan, S.J.
A. Coy, 43rd Battn.
France.

London
15.11.18.
I.E.D.

P.S.M.

43rd Battn.
A.I.F.

CARD.

H.G.B. 2299.

"Killed in Action 22-8-18"

Card was killed by a shell in the Bray Sector on August 22nd, when ~~a shell~~ the battalion was in reserve. There was heavy shelling at the time and there were many casualties. His body was recovered and was buried about 2 kilometers to the west of Bray and the grave is marked by a cross, I knew him well. He came from Australia and was single. The ground was held.

Eye-Witness:- No.

Description:- "Curly", about 30, light curly hair,
about 5ft 10 in height.

Home address:-

Waikerie.

R.Murray.

S.Australia.

F.J.Kingsley

London.

16-11-18.

J.E.A.

Informant:- Pennyfield, Geo. S. 2861. Pte.

(Satisfactory)

43rd Battn. A.I.F.

Bath War Hospital.

BRISTOL.

P & M.

43rd Battn.
A.I.F.

CARD.
H.G.B. 2299.

"Killed in Action 22-8-18"

Card was in A.Ccy. He was killed outright. I saw his body. It was the middle of August near Bray. He was buried with 3 others of the same Battalion. Hoskin, Sgt Murphy, and another between the Somme and the Ancre. The grave is alongside the road on a hill. The ground was held.

Eye-Witness:- Yes.

Description:- 6ft. 28/30 years, nickname "Curly".

Home address:-

Informant :- Richardson. W.C. 372.

43rd Battalion. A.I.F. A.I.
Netley War Hospital.

G.R.B.
London.
16-11-18.
J.E.A.

P & M.

Hevre

28th Novr 1918.

Australians. 43

Card H.G.B. 2899.

K. 22nd August 1918. Det D/B.

- I knew him well. He enlisted in Western Australia. He was about 28, very tall and fair. About the 22nd August we were behind Braye in reserve. In the morning about 10, a party were going into the trench, when a shell dropped among them. Five were killed, including Card. I saw the bodies taken back, but don't know about burial.

Inf:- Pte WCEArnold No. 772.
A.I.F. 43. A. F.
Austra. Camp.

CWSG.

P
M
J. A.

RP.

2299
H.S.D. Card
43rd Bn
K. P. M. 3
November 11th 1915
C. 8th
Dr. 11th

At New River in Canada

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2299 Dr. 11th
C. 8th
Dr. 11th

He was killed on the 22nd

of July 1915 while advancing

towards the enemy position.

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buried, myself and the others

buried him later on in

the evening on the field

we have the exact location

of the spot, all the soldiers

do at the time was to

mark his grave by a stick

and short fence,

so don't say this time

there is a correction

I believe they have been

correcting some place in the

that part of the country.

I wrote to his people both
in England and in Australia.
If I can clear anything
further, or in any other case
you are in the dark of
what I may know please
let me know. It will
please me much.

Yours faithfully

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Ch. C. C. C.

H. E. Rathbone

Chen / 2. 5. 2011

J. S. D.