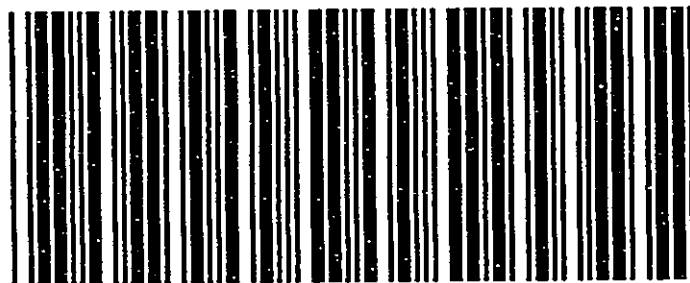


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**11147 Bombardier
Erle Victor Weiss**

1st Field Artillery Brigade



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A.I.F. 1st Bty. F.A.

WEISS
Erle Victor
11147

"KILLED IN ACTION 9/8/18"

Killed in Action 9/8/18 - Buried Bayonvillers German Cemetery 6 miles
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1st DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY. A.I.F.
1st Battery, 1st P.A.B.
(late 3rd P.A.B.)

WEISS.
Gunner E.V. 11147.

"KILLED. 9.8.18."

Informant described Weiss as about 5'8" high, medium build, dark complexion, aged about 24 years.

Informant states that they both belonged to the 1st Battery. On 10 or 11.8.18 the Battery had just pulled into action at the village of Harbonnieres. About 11 a.m. Weiss was in a trench just behind the guns, when a shell fell in the trench and killed him outright, he being the only one hit by that shell. Informant was about 20 yards away from him and saw the whole occurrence and helped to pick Weiss up. He was buried at Villers Bretonneux to the best of Informant's belief.

INFORMANT: Gunner F. Apitz, 33040,
1st Battery.

Home Address: Park Street, KOGARAH.

W.E.G.
Victoria Barracks, SYDNEY.
7.3.19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

A.I.F.
1st Divisional Artillery,
1st Battery.

WEISS - Gnr. E.V.
No. 11147.

"Killed in Action 9.8.18."

In action at Rossaiers Weiss was killed at his gun. I saw him after. He was buried by the Battery. I cannot say where. Full particulars as to burial could be ascertained by writing to the Quartermaster, 1st Battery, as records are kept.

Informant: Bombardier A.S. Wood, No. 2569.
1st Battery.

Private address: Coolamon, N.S.W.

G.S.A.
A.I.F. Furlough Bureau, Sydney.
25.3.19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

1st Field Artillery Brigade
(late 3 F.A.B.)

WEISS, E.V. Gnr. 11147.

"Killed, 9/8/18."

Weiss was killed at his gun at Harbonnieres in front of Rosieres. He was killed outright. I did not see him killed, but prepared the body for burial, when he was brought back to the waggon line. He was decently buried, and a cross was placed over his grave at Bayonvillers. The cross was made by Bombardiers Guthrie & Johnson.

His people's address is - "The Retreat", Erina, via Gosford, N.S.W.

His age was about 20-22, and height about 5'8". He was in the same Battery as me, 1st Battery, 1st Division Artillery.

Informant - Gunner J.J. Croghan, No. 235,

Private Address - Liverpool Road,
Bankstown, N.S.W.

G.S.A.
A.I.F. Furlough, Bureau,
Sydney.
8/4/19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

1st Division Artillery, A.I.F.
1st Battery, 1st F.A.B.
(Late 3 F.A.B.)

WEISS, E.V. Gnr. 11147.

"Killed, 9/8/18."

Informant described him as about 5 ft. 9 inches, slight build, fair complexion, about 21-24 years old.

Informant states they both belonged to the 1st Battery. On 9/8/18, the Battery was in action at Rosieres. About midday, when Weiss was in a funkhole, in a trench behind the Battery position, a shell fell in the trench, killing Weiss outright, and hitting others. Informant did not see this happen but helped to carry Weiss to the waggon lines, from which he was taken to be buried, although Informant could not tell me the place of burial.

Informant added he was liked by all, being very obliging, and nothing was a trouble to him.

Informant - Driver F. Blair, No. 3553,
1st Battery.

Private Address - 33 Duxford Street, Paddington.

W.F.G.
No. 4 Australian General Hospital,
Randwick.
14/4/19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.