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# 1798 Private Raphael Duncan Bradley

## 57th Battalion



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57th Battn
A.I.F.,

Bradley
Cpl.Duncan, 1798

"Killed July 11th 1916"

Killed on 11th July at Fleurbaix - Vermelles- in a dug-out about 12 noon, a shell came over a piece of timber hit him in the side. He is buried in burying ground behind the trenches about three miles from Sailly and near V.C.Sap.

Reference;- Sergt.Short,
Ward 14,
Harefield Hospt.
10-11-16.

London
16-11-16.
D.P.Dickson.

M.

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Havre

Nov. 15th 1916

AUSTRALIANS 57

BRADLEY Cpl.D.1798

K.July 11/16 Details

There is only one Bradley in the battalion in A Co. I saw him with battalion about 31.10.16. Height 5ft. fair complexion clean shaven slight build.
Informant Pte.A.Burrell 3062
57th Australians
A Co.
H.M. Asturias
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57th Australian I. F. Bradley, Cpl. D. 1798.

(K. July 11/16. Det: D & B;)

Informant states that Cpl B radley would be buried at Sailly near Levanti behind a house called V.C.House (place where Michael O(Leary won his V.C.) Informant did not know Cpl Bradley - he had never heard of him but he drew his conclusions from the man's number and the date on which he was killed. Further details could be had from:--

Sgt. Nicholson,
Staff Sergt. 57. Battalion, A.I.F.
France,
who is responsible for the Casualty lists.

Reference:— Sgt. James M ahoney 4533,
57th A.I.F. L.G.S.att: to A Coy.
3rd. Southern General Hospital,
The Base, Oxford.

Home address:-- Shepparton,
Victoria,
Australia.

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Nov: 11th
Payne.

Havre Dec. 1st 1916

AUSTRALIANS 57 BRADLEY Cpl.D. 1798

K.July 11/16 Details D.& B.

I knew a Bradley in C Co. 57th battn. He was killed by the explosion of a shell at Flemelles. I was close to him when it happened about noon on July 11th. His body was buried in a little cemetery at Rifle Villa near Sailly. His death was reported in the local papers in Australia

Informant C.A.Foley 5516
57th Australians C Co.
No.2 Gen.Hosp.(Quai)
R.B.S.

Havre Dec. 2nd 1916

AUSTRALIANS 57 BRADLEY Cpl.D. 1798

K.July 11/16 Det.D.& B.

Bradley was shot in the stomach by shell fire at Fromelles Pte.H.T.Davenport 1667 57th Australians B Co. V pltn. who was him shot told me. I afterwards went to see his grave; he was buried at Rifle Villa. A cross was put up on the grave with his name and regiment.

Informant A/Cpl.H.J.Harvour 1716
57th Australians B Co. V pltn.
~~Xxxxxxxx~~ No.2 Gen.Hosp.(Palais)
R.A.G.

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57th A. I. F. Bradley, Cpl D. 1798,

(K. July 11th 1916. Det: D & B)

Informant states that on 11th July Bradley was in a dug-out when a shell came in on the top. Four men out of five in the dug-out were killed. Bradley was buried in the military cemetery Rue de Bois near Sailly sur La Lys.

Reference: Pte George Freeman, 2485,
57th A. I. F.,
Addington Park Hospital,
Croydon.

Home address:
64, Barkley Place,
Bendigo,
Victoria, N.S.W.

7th Dec. 1916.
J.I. Stirling.

57th A. I. F. Bradley, Cpl. D. 1798.
C Coy,

(K. July 11/16. Det: D and B.)

Informant states that "Cpl. D. Bradley was buried at Rifle Villa Nr. Sailly. I saw his name in the cemetery when I went to look for the grave of a pal of mine."

Reference:— J. Briggs, No. 4440. D.C.
57th. A. I. F.
5th Southern General Hospital,
Fawcett Rd,
Portsmouth.

Home address:— Belmont St,
Inglewood,
Victoria, Australia.

Dec: 7th
Coddington.

57th Batt.
C.Coy A.I.F.

BRADLEY
1798. Cpl. D.

"Killed July 11 16"

Bradley was killed instantly by a shell with three others, between "V.C" trench and "Pinneys" Avenue at Fleurs-Baix. He was buried in the Military Cemetery about 800 yards behind the firing line. The Cemetery is situated beside an old Farm House called "Rifle Villa" Bradley came from Bendigo.

Reference:- 3534 Sgt.A.Greive,
752 Sgt.A.G.Ross.

both 57th Batt. C.Coy.A.I.F.
Southall Hospital.

London.
11.1.17
P.C.

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57th Battn.
A.I.F.

BRADLEY
Cpl. D. 1798

Killed - 11-7-16.

I regret to state that there is no doubt at all that the same man was killed on that date, as I myself saw his body. Cpl. Bradley and I came over on the same boat in the same company and joined up the 57th Battn. on the same date. Pte J. De Forest,15th Brigade Machine Gun Corps was an intimate friend of Cpl. Bradley and myself and it was he (J.De Forest) who fetched me when he (Cpl. Bradley) was hit.

He was tall, well built and fair. He was in Egypt prior to an attack of enteric fever through which he was invalided back to Australia. He left Melbourne on April 4th, 1916 in the 2nd. Reinfts. 57th Battn. on "S.S. EURIPEDES" .

Informant: Pte H. Davenport - No.1687,57th Btn.
c/o Salvation Army Hut -
Worgret Camp -Wareham - Dorset.
Feb. 24.1917.

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Feb 28-17

No 1687. Pte H. Davenport
C/o Salvation Army Hut
Worgret Camp
Wareham
Dorset.

Feb 24th 1917. 57th Bn

To The Secretary,
Australian. B.R.C.S.

Dear Miss Deakin.

I am in receipt of a letter from you dated Dec 18th. 1916 in which you ask me for any information I may have concerning Cpl. D. Bradley No 1795 57th Batt. A.I.F. who was killed on July 11th. 1916.

I regret to state that there is no doubt at all that the same man was killed, on that date, as I myself saw his body. Cpl Bradley & I came over on the same boat in the same company & joined up the 57th Batt on the same date. Pte. J. De Forest

15th Brigade Machine Gun Corps. was an intimate friend of Cpl Bradley & myself & it was he (J De Forest) who fetched me when he (Cpl Bradley) was hit. I am more than sorry that I cannot oblige you by giving a description of Cpl Bradley as I fear I am a poor hand at such things, but if the following is any good I am only too pleased to supply same.

He was tall, well built & fair.
He was in Egypt prior to an attack of interic fever through which he was invalided back to Australia.
He ~~was in~~ left Melbourne on April 4th 1916 in the 2nd Reinfts 57th Battn on "S. S. Euripedes."

Any further information will be answered with pleasure. I am, Yours Etc
H. D. Avenfoort.

1798 Cpl D. BRADLEY
57 Batt^n AIF
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1798

~~Pte~~ D. A. Bradley
Cpl.
57 Batte.

K. ~~14~~ 11.7.16

Enquirer → Melb Sp.

Mr. P. Ray
Eldorado
Vic.

18th September,

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries for a man of your Battalion - No.1798 Cpl. D. BRADLEY, 57th Battalion. A.I.F. reported "Killed July 11th-1916", and have been told that you may be able to help us by giving us some information. We should be most grateful for any details you could send us concerning Cpl. Bradley, nd would also be glad if you could add a short description of his personal appearance or any points that would satisfy his relatives that no error had been made.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

V.D.

No.1687,
Pte.H.T. Davenport,
V.Pl. B.Coy.,
57th Aust. Inf. Battn.,
B. E. F.

SECRETARY
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1st March /7

1687 Pte H Davenport,
57th Batt. A.I.F.,
c/o Salvation Army Hut,
Worgret Camp,
Wareham.

Dear Pte Davenport,

Many thanks for your letter of Feb.24th in answer to our enquiry for 1798 Cpl D Bradley. 57th Batt. A.I.F.

The information you have sent will be of much assistance.

With best wishes.

Yours faithfully,

H.D.

Secretary.