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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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6690 Sapper
Edward Morgan

7th Field Company Engineers



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7th Fld.Coy.Engrs.
A. I. F.

Morgan.
E. G. 6690

"Killed in Action 14.11.16"

Reported as Missing 14.11.16. Grave found by members if this Unit. 15.5.17. at M.18. c 2.5. Sheet 57 c S.W. and Crosses erected.

Major D.E.Evans 7th Fld.Coy.Engrs wrote and obtained this inf information from the Unit.

London.
25.9.17.

P.I.

7th Austr. Engs.

MORGAN
E.G. 6690

"Killed 14.11.16"

Sapper William Brown - since killed - to me he was with Morgan when he was shot through the heart by M.G. bullet in No Man's Land and died instantaneously. There was no time to bury him.

Reference:- Sapper H Gray 6671
7th Australian Engineers.
30.3.17.

London
12.4.17.
L.P.J.

P.I.

FRANCE

AUST. R.E. 7th FLD.Co. MORGAN. E.G. 6690.

K.Nov.14th.1916.Det D/B. Ren enq.

His christian name was Edward. He was in No 4 Section, came from near Sydney, was about 23 years of age and married. Harry Blower of the same Fld Co and Section, since killed, told me that Morgan was killed by a shell in front of Flers. I had been in the 7th Fld Co for a time. He was buried between Gueudecourt and Flers and I have seen his grave on the field at the head of which a cross has been placed.

WSI

Ref ---Pte J.Lees. 2083. now 1Bde 3 Batty. A.F.A.
No 16 Gen. Hospital

Le Treport. Sept 4th.1917

P.I.

7th. Coy.Field Eng.
A.I.F.

MORGAN
E.G. 6690

"Killed 14-11-16 D.& B."

I knew him well, he was a mate of mine. We called him "Teddie" He came from Newtown N.S.W. He used to be in the Railway workshops there. He belonged to 4th.Reinf., and joined the Battalion at Armentieres. He was killed by M.G.bullet, and died instantly. It happened during the "stunt" on Somme Nov.14th. He was not buried.

Reference:- H.Grey 6671
7th.Field Coy. Engrs.
Dartford Hospital
26-2-17

P.I

London
2-3-17
W.G.J.

A.I.F Engineers. 7 Fld.Co. MORGAN, E.G. 6690.

K.Nov.14th 1916. D/B. RE.

There were several men killed and buried behind the line near Le Transloy about this time, and Morgan may have been one of them as there was no attack at the timesthere would have been opportunity to mark the graves etc. 7 Fld. Coy. would be able to clear this up. I remember the name of Teddy Morgan, being mentioned with this affair soon after.

Informant L/Cpl E.A.D.Hill. 2780.
83 Gen Hosp.
BOULOGNE 26 9117.

WG.

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7th Field Coy
Engineers
A.I.F.

MORGAN
E.G. 6690

Killed 14.11.16

I did not see him killed, but I saw his grave at Flers and it was marked by a cross bearing all his particulars. Refer to Spr. J.N Worth, 7th Field Coy, Engineers who is in France and who saw him killed and can give particulars. I heard that he was caught by a Machine Gunbullet.

"Witness -
Sapper G.A. Bull 1516
7th Field Coy Engineers,
3rd A.A. Hosp Dartford.

Note written Spr Worth 25.9.17

P.I.

W. Oman
London 27.9.17

7th Field Coy. Engineers.
A.I.F.

MORGAN
E.J. 6690

"Killed 14.11.16."

Refer to Cpl. Kenedine 7th Field Coy. Engineers who is now in France and who saw him killed and can give full particulars.

Witness:-
Pte. W.R Hussies. 6625
21st Batn D. Coy., 16th Batn.
3rd A.A. Hospital,
Dartford.

W. Oman
London.
6.10.17.

Note written to Cpl. Kenedine.
5.10.17. P.I.

Let Lent on to P.I.

A.I.F. 8TH Fld.Coy.Engr.

MORGAN
E.C. 6690

Died

Killed in Action 14-11-16
Cert. by A.I.F.Headquarters 23-1-17.

P.I.

London
25-1-17.

AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS. 7 Fld Coy. MORGAN, E.G. 6690.

K.Nov.14th.1916.Det D & B Ren Eng

I saw this man after he was killed by a bit of a shell right through the head. He died almost directly he was hit. We were in the line just going up to the front line at the time for the attack on November 14th. at Flers. I cannot tell you where he was buried.

Informant: Sapper Coysh. 1321.
On leave,

BOULOGNE. 29.8.17. EFN

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6690

Australian Engineers

Morgan, E.G. 6609,
7th Field Coy, 4th Section

(K. Nov. 14th/16. Det: D & B)

"On Nov. 14th/16 at Flers Morgan was shot through the chest by a sniper. He said "Don't worry about me" and died almost at once. We were advancing, so had to leave him there. Sapper, now Cpl Grice can give full information."

Eye-witness: No, told by Sapper Grice, A.E. 7th Field Coy France

Description: Short, stout boy, very fair, young, fairly rough skin.

Informant: Sergt R.G. Smith, 2835,
A.E. 7th Field Coy,
3rd London General Hospital,
Wandsworth, S.W.

Home address:
Horseferry Road,
S.W.

8th February 1917.
Jessie Perrin

Written Cpl Grice 19.2.17

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AUST. ENGRS. 7th Fld. Coy. E. G. MORGAN. 6690.

K. 14.11.16. Det. D & B.

Morgan was sniped by a M.Gnr. at Turk Lane near Flers on the 14th November. He was properly buried near Turk Lane Trench and his name is on the monument erected to the 7th Fld. Co. Engrs at Tara Hill outside Albert.

Reference: Dvr. L. Fernee, 8661.

No.5 General, Rouen. 14.6.17.

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7th Coy. Engineers.
A. I. F.

Morgan.
E. G. 6690.

"Killed 14.11.16"

Refer to Cpl. B. Burgess No.4 Section 7th Engineers who saw him killed shot through the head. Should know place of burial. He is still in France.

Witness:-
L/Cpl. C.G.Cheney 4073.
7th Coy. Engineers.
3rd Aust.Aux.Hospital.
Dartford.

W.Oman.

London.
27.7.17. Note Written Cpl. Burgess 20.7.17. P.I.

Sapper J. NORTH [24.9.17]
7 Field Co Engrs
A 1 F
BEF

about
6690 E.G. MORGAN
7 Fd Co Engrs
A 1 F

K. 14. 11. 16

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Cpl. KENDEDINE

7th Field Coy. Engineers

A.I.F.

B.E.F.

Above

6690 E.G. MORGAN

7th Field Coy. Engineers

A.I.F.

K. 4.11.16

AC 6.10.17

Sapper L. G. Morgan 6690 7th Field Coy AE

see under

Pte F. Austin 317 21st Batt

12.3.17

Morgan

P.te E. G. 6690

7.th E. Engineers

See under Morrison P.te A.H. 4735

20th Bth

9.7.17

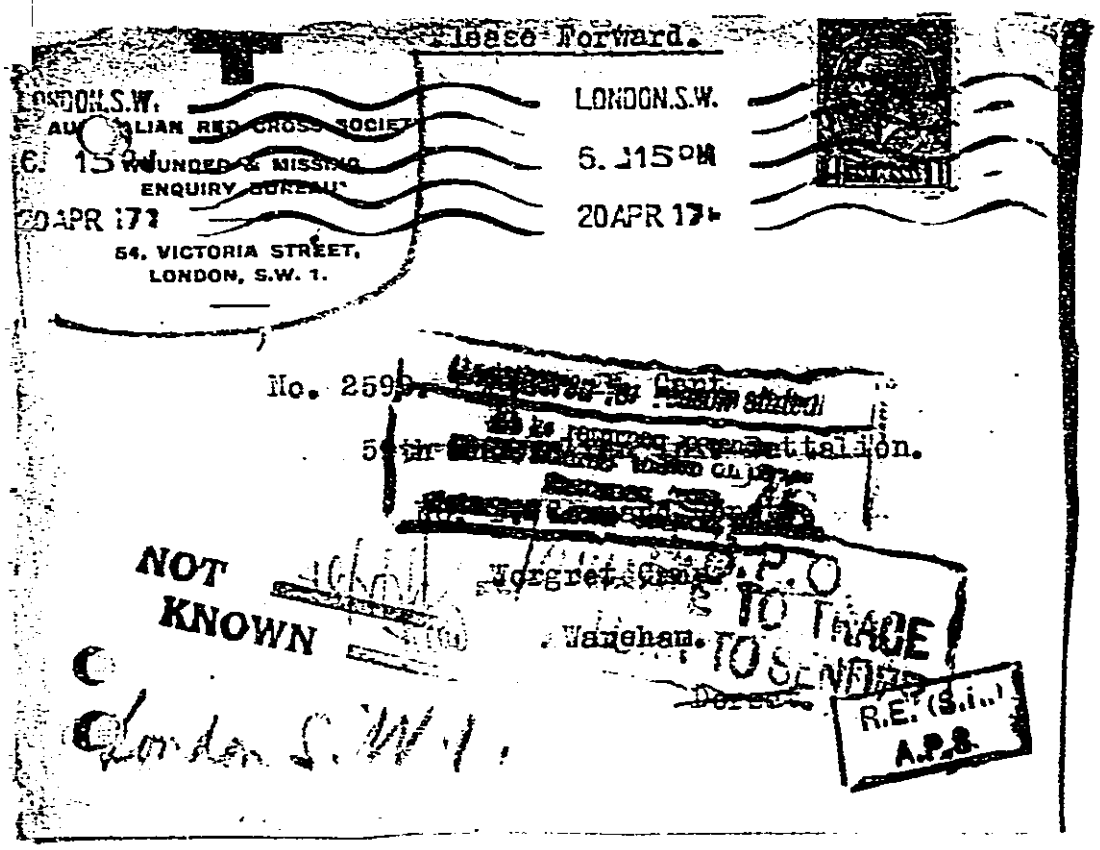
Cpl B. BURGESS
No 4 Section
7 F. Co Engrs
A I F
BEF

for

6690 E.G. MORGAN
7 F Co Engrs
A I F

K: 14-11-16

F.M
21.7.17



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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY
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ENQUIRY BUREAU
20 APR 17
54, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

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No. 2599 [illegible] Cant.

5[illegible] Battalion.

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NOT KNOWN

Wargret [illegible]

Wareham.

Dorset.

London S.W.1.

P.O. TO TRACE
TO SENDER

R.E. (S.I.)
A.P.S.

Morgan

P.te G. G. 6690

7th Field Co. Aust. Engineers

See under Box P.te H. L. 2596

51st Bn.

25-1-17

Feb.20th.1917. ---

Cpl.Grice.
7th.Fld.Co.Engrs.A.I.F.
B.E.F.

6690.E.C.Morgan,7th.Fld. Coy.Engineers.A.I.F.
reported Killed 14.11.16,

E.C. Morgan,

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

Tel.: VICTORIA 8858.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO BE ADDRESSED TO
"THE SECRETARY,"
WOUNDED AND MISSING
— INQUIRY BUREAU. —
AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"QUESTMAN, LONDON."

54, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, S.W.

20th April 1917

No. 2590. Pte. C.R. Cant,
59th Australian Inf. Battn.
No. 4. Command Depot.
Worgret Camp.
Wareham.
Dorset.

Dear Sir,

We beg to forward you an unofficial report that we have received, re the death of your friend. 6690. Sapper E.G. Morgan 7th Field Coy. Engineers, A.I.F..

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With all good wishes to you.

Yours faithfully,

Vera Deakin

pa [illegible] Secretary.

February 22nd, 7

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59th Australian Infantry Battn.,
No. 4 Command Depot,
Wareham,
Dorset.

Dear Sir,

We are forwarding an unofficial report we have received about the death of your friend, 6690, Pte. E. G. Morgan, 7th Field Coy Engineers. We regret that the news is all so sad.

No.2835, Sergt. R. G. Smith, 7th Field Coy Engineers, who is at present in Wandsworth Hospital, gives the following evidence:-

"On Nov.14th 1916 at Flers, Morgan was shot through the chest by a sniper. He said, "Don't worry about me", and died almost at once. We were advancing and had to leave him there. Corporal Gnée, of the same unit, can give you full information".

Should we receive any further reports we shall advise you.

Yours faithfully,

C.D.

SECRETARY.

September 22nd, 1917.

No 2596 Pte.C.R.Cant,
69th Battalion,
A.I.F., B.E.F.

Dear Sir.

We are writing to tell you of another unofficial report received about No 6690 Spr.E.G. Morgan.
7th Field Coy,
Aust.Engineers.

and we trust that it will be of some help to have this further assurance of his instantaneous death.

Informant states that he saw Sapper Morgan just after he had been killed by a piece of shell which wounded him in the skull his death taking place immediately after he was hit. The casualty occurred in the line just as they were going into the trenches for the attack at Flers on Nov.14th and he is unable to tell us where Spr.Morgan was buried.

We are pursuing the inquiry and as soon as we obtain information we shall advise you as we realise how very anxious his mother must be.

Assuring you of our sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

V.O
SECRETARY

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54, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON S.W.1.

October 5th, 1917.

2690 Pte.C.R.Cant,
59th Battalion,
A.I.F., B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

We are sending you further unofficial evidence about No 6690 Sapper F.G.Morgan,
7th Field Coy Australian Engineers,
A. I. F.

and we trust that it will be consolation to know that his grave has been registered.

No 5088 Gnr.J.Lees, 3rd Battalion, A.F.A., was told by a man of the same field company who has sincebeen killed that Sapper Morgan was killed instantly by a shell in front of Flers on Nov. 14th: and he has seen his grave between Guedecourt and Flers, marked by a cross bearing his regimental particulars.

Major Evans of the 7th Field Coy, reports that Sapper Morgan's grave has been found by members of the unit and the map location is H 18, c 8-5, sheet 57, S.E.W.

We are applying to the Graves Registration Bureau for a photograph of his grave and this will be sent to you as soon as it is possible direct to Sapper Morgan's next of kin.

Should further information be obtained about him we shall advise you immediately.

With good wishes,

Yours faithfully,

Vera Deakin

SECRETARY,

(AAW)

Lotton Leeks
Pte Cant 2590
is specially [illegible]
Issued 19 July 1916
Mopay Cant
Due
S9 [illegible]
[illegible]

9th August 1917.

2590 Pte C.R.Cant
59th Aust: Inf: Btn:
B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

We have recs ved a further unofficial report about your friend - 6690 Sapper E.G.Morgan, 7th Fld Coy, Australian Engineers, informant being a man of his unit who was in hospital in Chelsea.

He stated that Sapper Morgan was killed during an attack on a German position near Le Barque on November 14th and he was buried between Gancourt and Eaucourt L'Abbaye. The attack proved unsuccessful and after holding the ground for 48 hours they were forced to retire.

We are continuing our inquiries and will send you any further information we receive about him and trust that it will be some comfort to know that he was buried by his comrades.

Yours faithfully,
HD
Secretary
LRW.

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With good wishes,

Yours faithfully,

JD

SECRETARY,

29th January -7.

No. 2690. Pte. C. R. Cant.
39th Australian Infantry Battn.
[illegible] Command Depot.
Perham.
Dorset.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your enquiry for No. 6690. Sapper E. G. Morgan, 7th Field Coy. Australian Engineers, we regret to inform you that he was killed in action on Nov. 14th. 1916.

We have added his name to our lists of men for whom inquiries are being made and we hope soon to receive details of his death.

We shall at once forward to you any reports that we receive.

With sincere sympathy in the loss of your friend.

Yours faithfully,

V.D.

Secretary.
A.W.

December 10th, 1917.

S.Whitmee, Esq.,
Red Cross Searcher,
No 4 Command Depot,
Codford, Wilts.

Dear Sir,

We received an enquiry from you together with others dated Jan.19th, 1917, for

8690 Sapper E.S.MORGAN,
7th Field Coy,
Engineers.

on behalf of 2590 Pte.C.R.Cant, 39th Battalion, A.I.F., No 4 Command Depot, Worgret Camp, Wareham.

We have forwarded all available information to Pte.Cant at intervals since February, but a letter to him has been returned to us from France stating that 2590 Pte.C.R.Cant, was killed 19th July, 1916. This report has been verified by A.I.F. Headquarters.

Will you kindly verify Pte.Cant as the enquirer for Sapper Morgan, and advise us as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs Craig
SECRETARY.