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5623 Private
Percy Manzie

24th Battalion



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Havre 26th Sept. 1917.

24th AUSTRALIANS MANZIE, P. 5623

Manzie P.

K. 3.5.17. Det. D/B.

I made a cross for Pte. P. Manzie. He was a 15 to the 24th Battalion Reinforcement from Victoria, and he came from England to France on the 12th Dec. 1916, with me from Folkestone. His grave is in a Military Cemetery at Le Transloy. It was in July that I made the cross. His name and number are on it.

Informant: Pte. J.F. Newman, 4171
24th Australians, A Co., 4th Pltn.,
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

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Havre 12th October.1917.

24th AUSTRALIANS MANZIE, P. 5623

K. May 3rd.1917. Det. D/B.

I knew him well. He came from Elsternwick, Melbourne. He was married. He had a good position in Huddard ~~Packet~~ Shipping Line at Melbourne. He was killed at Bullecourt. He had just carried a wounded man out who was getting knocked about in the trench. He had taken him a bit to the rear, and as he was coming back a shell got him in the ~~neck~~ neck; he never spoke, and was killed at once. I took Manzie's equipment from him before he went back with this wounded man. I did not see him killed myself, but was given the ~~above~~ above account at the time by another man, whose name I do not know. He was in another Battalion, but I remember asking him particularly if Manzie was quite dead, other wise I should have gone back. He said the blood choked him on the instant, and he died at once. I am sure this account is absolutely reliable. I think Manzie would have been buried afterwards, as we advanced shortly afterwards far beyond this, but I did not see the grave.

Informant: Pt. Coomber, M.J. 5563
24th Australians, B.Co., V.Pltn.
~~Australian Camp, Rouelles.~~
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A.I.F. 24. MANZIE, P. 5623.

K. May 3rd 1917. Det. D/B.

I did not see him killed but I saw his body lying in a trench O.G.2. at Bullecourt on May 3rd and he must have been hit by a shell. Cpl. McGrath B. Coy. was near him when he was killed. I do not think that his body was buried. Manzie was in B. Coy. V. Pltn. and came from Victoria.

Informant. Pte D. Llewellyn. 3567. B. V.
2nd Army Rest Camp.
BOULOGNE. 17.10.17.

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Written cpl McGrath
30-10-17.

24th Batn B. Coy. MANZIE
A. I.F. 5 Plat. P. 5623

"Killed 3.5.17."

He was killed instantly by a shell whilst out assisting to carry a wounded man in. The man who was out with him told me all about it, but I do not remember his name. He was hit in the back of the neck. I knew himvery well he and I were always very good ffiends. We left Australia together 25.9.16 and came by the s.s. Shropshire". He was a married man with one child and used to live at Elsternwick, Melbourne. He was a very fine chap upright ~~action~~, clean living in all his ways. He thought a great deal of his wife and child of whom he often spoke to me about and always said for their sake, if he should ever get hit he hoped death would be instantaneous. I do not know place of burial and I cannot refer to anyone for particulars, but he was sure to have been buried at place of casualty.

Witness:- Pte. M.J. Comber. 5563
24th Batn B. Coy., 5th Pltn.
3rd A.A. Hospital,
Dartford.

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24th Battn.
A.I.F.

Manzie.
P. 5623

"Killed 3.5.17"

Manzie was my mate and was hit in the back of the head by a shell and killed instantly at Bullecourt. I was about 3 chains away and saw him hit.

Witness:-
M.J.Coomber 5563
24th Battn. B.Coy.
Hut 21 Westham.

W.A.Rand

London.
4.1.18.

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24th Btn.

MANZIE, P.
Pte. 5623.

Killed in action 3/5/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was about 5 ft. 9 ins, dark complexion, about 28 years of age. Casualty was going up to the line at Reincourt. I was lying there wounded getting fixed up when Casualty came along and asked me if I was alright and I answered him "Yes" and I asked him for a drink out of his bottle. While I was drinking a shell exploded a piece hitting Casualty. The last he said was "Oh my God I'm done" and dropped dead. I do not know where he was buried as I was removed to hospital. I wasan eye-witness. He was well known and,liked by all his comrades."

Informant:- A. Francis,
No. 5139, 24th Btn.

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P. MANZIE 5623
B. Coy
24 Batt
A.I.F

Killed 3-5-17.

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30.10.17