Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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6530 Private
Hemsley Hurtle
Stanley Marshman

50th Battalion
"Killed in Action" 1917-1918

He was buried by me at Zonnebeke, 16.10.17. [Map reference Eq. 22, c.i.l.l.1.] in a small soldiers' cemetery just outside the dressing station. (Soda Water factory) As far as I can remember he was killed by a shell just by the entrance to said dressing station.

Letter from: The Chaplain.
52nd Battn.
15.3.18.

London.
21.3.18.

A.
I was told by Pte Haymard of B Coy who was with Marshman stretcher-bearing, that he was killed by a shell and died instantly within 10 yards of a D/S. He was buried at Tokioke(?) Farm where others were buried. He came from S.Australia. He had been transferred from the 27th Bn and had not been with us long. I know he was married.


Etaples
A.I.F. 50th Bn
D.Coy.

MARSHMAN
H.H.S. 6330

"K. 15-10-17"

I saw him killed at Ypres. He was caught by a shell which assisting to carry me out, death was instantaneous. Casualty was a few yards away from the Dressing Station. Several of the men who were with him were wounded by the same shell. I knew him very well, he came from S.A. and was the only man of this name in the Coy. I did not see his grave and cannot refer to anyone, but I feel sure he would be buried near the 52nd Bn. Reg. Aid Post just behind Passchendaele, where he was killed.

Witness - Nelson Pte J.W. 6337
50th Bn. D.Coy, 15th Bn
3rd A.A.H.
Dartford
9-1-18.

W. Olsen
London
21-1-18

M. Marshman
50th Bn. A.I.F.

"Killed 15.10.17. Det. H/M"

Marshman was killed while carrying a man named Nelson to the D/S. Three of them killed outright, the others being a Cpl. and a Private (9/83). This happened at Broodseinde Ridge, and was reported to me. I can't say if buried.

Informant: - Sgt. H.C. Harper, 1346,
50th Bn. D. Coy,
Westham.

W.A. Rand.

Killed 15.10.17.

I had the following from Corpl. W. Aliff of 50.D.XV. (still there) and Pte. Stevenson of 50.D.XV. (away wounded). They said they heard him volunteer to fill the gap in S/Bearers (as we had been badly knocked about) during our attack at Daisy Wood sometime in Oct. Marshman was with 3 others carrying a wounded man down the duck boards, when a shell burst near, killing him and mortally wounding I/Cpl. Stevenson, one of the other S/Bearers with him on the stretcher. They said Marshman was killed instantaneously. Aliff was present when Marshman volunteered and Pte. Stevenson was one of the S/Bearers carrying with Marshman at the time he was killed. The 4th S/Bearer got clear unwounded, I forget his name. It was near the D/Station so Marshman was sure to get buried, though I do not know that he was. Marshman had something to do on the land, he came away in same Rein. as Aliff, aged about 24, married, about 5'9", thin, rather ginger.

Reference: C. Walton, 3604.
No. 11 Con. Camp, Buchy nr. Rouen, 20.2.18.

FEP. /Aliff/ 29.2.18
Col. W. A. LIFF
Oct 50 A. 1. F.
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H. H. S. MARSHMAN
50 A. 1. F.

K 15-10-17

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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY
(WOUNDED AND MISSING INQUIRY BUREAU),

30, GROSVENOR PLACE, LONDON. S.W. 1.

Telephones: W. 8576
                 8577
                 8578

W. S. H. W. HEAD
J. E. E. B. A. F.

We are making enquiries for a man of your unit

6830 F. H. S. Marshman 86A. I. F.

Assumed killed in action 15.10.17.

and have been told that you may be able to help us by supplying

some information.

We should be most grateful for any details you can

send us concerning F. H. S. Marshman but our

enquirers wish especially to know whether he was buried, if so,

whether it was on the field or in a soldiers' cemetery where

the grave would be registered. We should also be glad if you

could add a short description of his personal appearance or any

points that might help us to prove his identity.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Vera W. Hanbin.

Secretary.

NOTE In your reply kindly quote name, initials and number of

casualty enquired for, as without these particulars delay

and confusion is caused in identification of this soldier

about whom you are writing.

Born... He was buried in...
at Lorraine... 16-10-17. (Reg. No.
228241.)... in a small soldiers' cemetery... just outside the dressing station... (Soda water factory.

As far as I can remember... he was... killed by a shell... just by the entrance to said dressing station.

D.R. Blackmoor
52... Berin... C.F.
15-3-18.
AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY
(WOUNDED AND MISSING INQUIRY BUREAU).

36, GROSVENOR PLACE, LONDON, S.W. 1.

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries for a man of your unit
6430 H.H.S. Branchman 50 A.I.F.
reported killed in action 15.10.44.
and have been told that you may be able to help us by supplying some information.

We should be most grateful for any details you can send us concerning H.H.S. Branchman but our enquirers wish especially to know whether he was buried, if so, whether it was on the field or in a soldier's cemetery where the grave would be registered. We should also be glad if you could add a short description of his personal appearance or any points that might help to prove his identity.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Dankin

SECRETARY

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