

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
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**4891 Private
Harold Noonan**

46th Battalion



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NOONAN, H. 4801.

K. January 21st, 1917.

He comes from about 14 miles from my home (Terang, Victoria). I saw him killed on January 21st about 4 p.m. near Guidecourt Wood by shell. Killed instantly. I saw it happen. He was buried just over top of trench and a cross erected which I have seen with name and number on. Not in a cemetery. The name of the support trench was Bull's Run.

PHE.

Reference:- Sgt. R. Williamson. 4335. D. LOS.
L. Gun School.

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Staples
29.6.17.

46th Btn.

HOCMAH, H.
Pte. No. 4691

Killed in action 21/1/17.

"Casualty was a friend of mine. He was killed in Lieut. Pentland's dugout at Fleurs on the 21st January, 1917, according to a letter I received when I was wounded in England from Lieut. Pentland, now with the 46th Btn. in France as far as I know. I wrote to him from France to that effect."

Informant:- Cpl. D.B. Hedrick,
No. 3780, 46th Btn.

Private address
32 McKenzie Street,
Brunswick.

H.A.B.
27/7/17.

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46th AUSTRALIANS

NOONAN, H. 4891

K. 21st Jan. 1917 Det. D/B

I know Pte. Mick Noonan of the 46th Bn. D. Co. 15th Pltn. He was a farmer's son from Torang, Victoria. I saw his body and was at the burial on January 21st, 1917, at Gap Trench to the right of Flors in the open. We put a cross on it. I could point out the spot.

Informant: Sgt. A. F. H. McKenzie 438
46th Australians D. Co 16th Pltn
Australian Camp, Rouelles

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A. I. F. 43.

K. January 21st, 1917.

NOONAN, H. 4891.

On January 21st while we were in supports to the right of Flors in a trench known as Bulls trench a shell landed right on top of a dugout. I helped to dig out the occupants who were three batmen, Noonan, (batman to Lt. Pentland of South Melbourne) Pte. Nicholls, batman to Major Waine, then Capt. now missing, and Pte. Horder. All were badly smashed. Noonan and Nicholls were dead and Nicholls died soon after. I gave all their personal belongings to Lt. Pentland. They were buried that evening under my superintendence in the same grave just behind the spot where they were killed. We could not have a Service as Fritz started to shell us heavily just then. A cross was put up after dark with his name on. Noonan was fair and freckled. Age under 25. He was a fellow full of life and merriment. He left Australia with Lt. Pentland and as his batman. Of his initial and No. I am not certain. The grave is about 1 1/2 miles to the right of Flors looking east, a hundred yards or more from a sunken road. FEP.

Reference:- Sgt. J.A. Paxton. 46.D. 3870.XV.

No. 7 Can. Gen. Hp.

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2.7.17.