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**Lieutenant
Walter Tertius Morrice**

1st Light Horse



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A.I. 1st Light Horse Regt.

MORRIS
W.T. Lieut

DIED OF WOUNDS 28/9/18

Died of wounds 28/9/18 - at Amhaa Receiving Station Egypt
Cert. by A.I. 1st Light Horse Regt 21/12/18

London
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1st L.H. Regt.

E.E.F.
(D/E. 28.9.18)

MORRICE.
E.F. Lieut.

OFFICIAL REPORT:-

Died of Wounds:- 28/9/18.

Date of Burial:- 1.10.18.

Site of Grave:- Jericho Cemetery, Grave No. 20.

Off. Chaplain:- Rev. F.H. Seccombe. C of E.

Informant:- 3rd Battalion A.I.F. EGYPT.

Cairo. 5.12.18.

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(D/W. 28.9.18)

1st L.H. Regt.

MORRICE
Lieut. W.F.

Informant says:- " Lieut. Morrice was wounded at Amman in the afternoon during an attack on a Turkish Convoy. He was wounded in the thigh and the main artery in the groin was severed. He was bandaged up and then taken back about three miles where the doctors attended to him. Sgt Poole of the 1st Field Ambulance sat up with him all night. From there he was taken to the Clearing Station at Jericho where I believe he died two days later. I was close to the stretcher where the Lieutenant was lying before being carried back and he said, " It is bad luck, boys, this is the 5th time I have been wounded! He was a fine man and much liked by everyone in the regiment. I never heard a bad word said about him."

Informant:- No. 4213Tpr McTaggart. 1st L.H.

14th A.G. Hospital,
Port Said. 14.11.18.

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1st Light Horse Regt. E.E.F. (D/W. 23.9.18)

MORRICE
W.T. Lieut.

Informant says:- "He went into action just below Amman -There were only 130 Turks there with three 6 inch Howitzers.The fighting only lasted about two hours.our side had three casualties.one of them being Lieut Morrice. He was wounded through the groin and bleeding badly.He was attended to at once in every possible way - He was taken by camel in a escholet to the nearest Clearing Station and later to the Hospital in Jericho where he died. He is buried in Jericho and the grave is marked. He was quite cheerful about himself and said it was nothing. "He was a favourite with the men."

Informant:- No 2834 Tpr Ross Machine G.S. att 1st L.H.

14th Aust.Gen.Hospital, (26.11.18.

Mrs A. Hayward.

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1st L.H.Regt. E.E.F. (D/W. 28.9.18.)

MORRICE
W.T. Lieut.

Informant says:- " It was between Amman and Bassife, the day on which Amman fell Lieut.Morrice had a troop in a sort of gully or bed of a stream when he was hit by a bullet low down . He was carried on a stretcher to where the regiment was and I asked him how he felt.He said "Not too good". The doctor attended him within five minutes of his being hit.He was then taken to the Clearing Station.I know nothing more except that he died ".

Informant:- No.1212 T/Cpl Satchell.1st L.H.Regt.

14 Australian General Hospital, 5th December 1918.

Mrs A. Hayward.

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1st Light Horse, A.I.F.

MORRICE W.T. Lieutenant.

"Died of Wounds, 28/9/18."

Informant states that on the 24/9/18, the Regiment was at Amman east of the River Jordan - Palestine, in action, the result of which, was the capture of Amman. About 2 p.m. right at the end of the action, the Lieutenant was hit by about the last bullet that was fired. Informant did not see him hit, but saw him when they brought him back to dress his wound. He was conscious. He spoke to informant and told him that he would be alright if they could take him away at once. Informant saw him at the Casualty Clearing Station, and heard that he was again removed from there and sent to Jericho where he died.

Informant added that Mr. Morrice was very popular, and one of the finest officers in the Regiment, either in or out of the battlefield.

Informant - Regimental Sgt. Major C. Jones, No. 129,
1st Light Horse.

Home Address - Dungog,
New South Wales.

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1st Light Horse, A.I.F.

MORRICE W.T. Lieutenant.

"Died of Wounds, 28/9/18."

Informant states that on or about the 25/9/18, the Regiment was in action on the Railway Line near Amman - Palestine, when Amman was captured. About mid-day when Mr. Morrice was in the midst of his Troop firing at the Turks, he was hit. Informant was about 150 yards away and saw him fall, but as he was in the firing line, he was unable to investigate further. He was told that the Lieutenant was conscious. Informant saw 5 stretcher-bearers taking him away, and believes that he died at Jericho.

According to informant, the Lieutenant was a very popular officer.

Informant - Sergeant H. L. V. Harris, No. 661,
3rd Squad, 1st Light Horse.

Home Address - Werrington,
Tumut, New South Wales.

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MORRICE W.T. Lieutenant.

"Died of Wounds, 28/9/18."

Informant states that on the 25th or the 26th of September 1918, the Regiment was assisting in the attack on Amman in Palestine, which resulted in its capture. The Lieutenant was sent up with his Troop to take up a line on a ridge, and he had hardly got up there when he was hit, and brought back on a stretcher wounded. Informant saw him brought back. He was left in a Tady till Amman was taken, and then brought down, so far as Informant was aware, to Amman, and was believed to have died there.

According to Informant, Mr. Morrice was a popular officer in every sense of the word.

Informant - Sergeant R. S. Trethewey, No. 440,
"C" Squad, 1st Light Horse.
Home Address - 43 Hammet Avenue,
Harrickville.

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MORRICE W.T. Lieut.

"Died of Wounds 28/9/18."

He was a 1st Lieutenant, and his name was Walter Tertius. He was over A troop of B squad, and was shot the day we captured Amman - he died the next day. I did not see it happen but was in his troop and got there the next day, and was told about it by the boys. He was buried at Suezila between Amman and Es-Salt, but I have not seen the grave, but I heard of it from several of the boys. He was directing the fire of his troop when he was shot by a bullet. He had been wounded three times previously.

Informant - B squad. Sergeant-Major E. Y. ^{Mills} Miles, No. 352,
1st Light Horse, B squad.
Home Address - 723 King Street,
Sydney.

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1st Light Horse, A.I.F.

MORRICE, W. T. Lieutenant.

"Died of Wounds. 28/9/18."

He and I had been on leave together and returned to the Regiment the day after the stunt started in the attack on Amman, at the end of September last. His initials were W. T. but he was called "Harry". He was middle aged and his two brothers, or brother and cousin are in Artillery in France with a brother of mine. He was in B squad and he was wounded in the attack on Amman Railway Station. I saw him being taken away on a stretcher, but could not speak to him; he was conscious and had been talking to the stretcher-bearers. He died in the Clearing Station at Jericho about three or four days afterwards. I heard this a week after he was wounded. I believe he was buried in the cemetery at this Clearing Station.

Informant - Lieut. S. R. Macfarlane, M.C.,
1st Light Horse, A squad.
Home Address - "Teviot,"
Hampton Avenue, Darling Point.

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MORRICE W.T. Lieutenant.

"Died Of Wounds. 28/9/18."

Informant states that on or about the ~~27/9/18~~²⁷⁻⁹⁻¹⁸, the Regiment was at Amman, Palestine, attacking the Railway to the north of the town. The Turks had a position behind the Railway Embankment which Mr. Morrice's Troop was attacking with other Troops. The attackers advanced to within 200 yards across the open of the Embankment, and the men laid down under cover and started firing. Mr. Morrice was standing behind his Troop encouraging them when he was hit. Informant was in the adjoining Troop, say 100 yards away, and saw the Lieutenant fall and also saw him carried out. He never saw him again.

Informant added that the Lieutenant was a most popular officer.

Informant - Sergeant G. McDonald, No. 315,
1st Light Horse.
Home Address - "Patonga,"
Wolseley Road,
Point Piper, Woolahra.

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MORRICE, W.T. su ant.

"Died of Wounds, 28/9/18."

Informant states that on or about the 25/9/18, the Regiment was at Amman Palestine in action, resulting in the re-capture of that place that had been lost in the previous March. Just after Mid-day the Regiment was lining a ridge, and the Turks were firing at them from a Wady, during which Mr. Morrice was hit by a bullet. Informant did not see him actually hit, but was close by. He however saw him after he was carried back and placed under cover, behind the firing line. He said to informant, "I'm very unlucky, I always get hit in one of these tramp shows". Informant again saw him that night in a camel conveyance, being taken to Amman Dressing Station. He seemed to be cheerful. Informant sang out to him, and asked him how she felt. He replied that he was not feeling too bad. Informant never saw him again, but believes he died at Jericho.

Informant added that Mr. Morrice was a very popular officer.

Informant - Lieutenant G. H. Cundy,

1st Light Horse.

Home Address - Scone,

New South Wales.

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1st LIGHT HORSE.

MORRICE, Lieutenant

W.T.

"Died of Wounds 28/9/18"

I knew Lieut. Morrice very well. We were in the same Troop for months. We went over in the same Squadron in w/s "Star of Victoria" on 20th October 1914. He came from Moss Vale. He stood about 5ft 8", medium complexion, clean shaved. I saw him wounded at Amman about 21st September 1918. I spoke to him. He was taken back to the Clearing Station. I was told in the Hospital at Jericho that he had died. Lieut. Morrice was a very good man - a good Officer.

Informant;- No. 506, Corporal F.C. SQUENCH,
1st Light Horse.

Private address;- THIRLMERE, N.S.W.

F.B.W.

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Pitt Street,
SYDNEY.

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