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**3221 Private
Joseph Henry Meyts**

31st Battalion



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A.I.F. 31st Bn

J.H. MEYTS (HQ)
3221

"K/A. 9-9-18"

Killed in action 9-9-18 - Dtls: D/B E.Y.S.
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 7-12-18.

London
28-12-18.

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31st Battn.
A.I.F.

MEYTS.
J.H. 3221.

"Killed in Action 9-9-18"

He was of 31st Battalion, B.5. Machine Gun Section. 5ft 5, dark, 29. Came from Mitchell, Queensland. At Verdun near Mont St Quentin on September 9th 1918 at 8.a.m. eleven of us including Meyts were sent forward on patrol to try and locate Fritz's line. We got within 80 yards of it before we discovered it and as we were crawling back to find cover, Fritz opened on us with Machine Guns. Meyts and C. O'Rourke were killed instantly and two others were wounded, but the others got back safe. Meyts and O'Rourke were buried in a Military Cemetery across the canal from Verdun and crosses were erected.

Informant:- J. Reddie. 3551.
31st Battn, B.8.

Note:- SARG PCTERIES.
J. Burnham. 4982. and D.C. Sawrey. 3628. both of whom took part in the stunt gave similar evidence of the casualty and burial. W.M.K.

W.M.K.
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31st. Australians.

Meyts. J. H. 3221.

K. September 9/1918. Det. D/B.

I saw him killed by M/Gun bullets. at Vermands, not far from St. Quentin. He was buried in a cemetery near where he was killed. There was a small wooden cross put up. He came from Mitchel, Queensland.

Inf:- Pte. E. W. Alfredson, 382,
31st. Australians. B. 5.
Austr. Demob. Base.

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MEYTS, J.H.
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K. in act. 9/9/18

He was a great pal of mine. He came over on the "Cerebic" with the 6th Rfs. to the 31st Btn. with me. He was known as "Qoe" in B.Co. I was a few yards away when I saw a shell hit him, which killed him instantly at St Quentin's Wood. He was buried where he fell.

Description:- Height about 5' 4", dark complexion, and had a Charlie Chaplin moustache.

Informant:- Devonshire, J.
No.2896 - 31st Btn.

Home address:- Dreyton, Toowoomba.
Queensland.

R.E.Andrews
H.M.A.T.Port Denison

15 MAY 1919

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