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LT. J. W. MAUNSELL,

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HEATH CTY, HARBONNIERES, FRANCE.

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LT. JOHN WILLIAM MAUNSELL
5th BN. AUST. INF. K/A. 9th AUG. 1918.
AGE 29. Son of Col. A. J. Maunsell and
Augusta Maunsell, husband of Mildred
Maunsell of Koorringa, South Australia.
Born in Co. Wicklow, Ireland.
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C1. The Bank of Adelaide,
11 Leadenhall Street,
London, E.C.3.
11th March, 1962.

The Commissioner,
War Graves Commission,
32 Grosvenor Gardens,
London, S.W.1.

Dear Sir,

My husband & I are visiting England for a few months, & we come from Adelaide, South Australia. While we are over here, I wish to visit my father's grave, & the address on his scroll sent to my late mother is 'Heath Cemetery, Harbonnières, France, & for your information the rest of the scroll reads: - Maunsell, Lt. John William, 5th Bn. Australian Inf. Killed in action 9th Aug. 1918. Age 29. Son of Col. A. J. Maunsell and Augusta Maunsell husband of Mildred Maunsell, of 'Dooringa, South Australia. Born in Co. Wicklow, Ireland. IV B. I.

As we will be going to the Continent in a few weeks, would you please be good enough to give me full particulars of exactly how to get there (not by flying), & the number of his grave, & any other useful particulars.

The above mentioned visit to the Continent will be a 29 day organised tour arranged by Trafalgar Travel. On the 29th day of this tour we leave Dijon & drive via Troyes to Paris, arriving in the afternoon, & leave Paris on the morning of the 29th day. From the schedule it appears that only one afternoon is free.

Would you kindly advise the exact situation of 'Heath Cemetery, Harbonnières, & its distance from Paris, as if it is not possible to visit there owing to distance, we will return to France at a later date for this purpose.

Yours faithfully,

Joan Hogan (Mrs. R. H.)

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For PA

John Campbell
14/3/62

14th March, 1962.

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Dear Mrs. Hogan,

In answer to your letter dated 11th March, I can confirm that the officer referred to, namely, Lieutenant John William Maunsell, 5th Battalion Australian Infantry, who lost his life on 9th August, 1918, is buried in Heath Cemetery, Harbonnieres, France, the particulars being Plot 4, Row B, Grave 1.

Harbonnieres is a village in the Department Somme, 17 miles east-south-east of Amiens and 2 miles south of the Amiens-St. Quentin main road. Heath Cemetery is on the main road referred to and is 2 miles due north of Harbonnieres. The entrance is on the south side of the road and is open at all times. A register, containing a plan, is available in the register box in the cemetery or one can ask one of the gardeners for assistance in finding a particular grave.

Amiens is some 80 miles north of Paris and is on the Paris-Calais main railway line. According to the March timetable one could leave Paris (Nord) at 2.24 p.m. and reach Amiens at 3.38 p.m. From Amiens a taxi could be taken to the cemetery and back and it appears that by leaving Amiens at 7.50 p.m. one could get back to Paris at 9.25 p.m. I would however ask you to confirm these times from a travel agent or bureau nearer the time of your trip. The Commission does not itself arrange visits and if you decided to make a special trip from the United Kingdom it would probably be best to make your arrangements in advance through a travel agent or else approach British Legion Headquarters, at 49 Pall Mall, London, S.W.1, who offer a special service for arranging visits to war graves on the Continent.

Yours sincerely,

John Campbell

Director-General.

Mrs. R.K. Hogan,
c/o The Bank of Adelaide,
11, Leadenhall Street,
London, E.C.3.

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