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6891 Private George Easter

5th Battalion



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5th Battn.
A.I.F.

EASTER,.
G. 6981

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Informant:- R.T.Bicket, 2560,
5th Battn, A.Coy,
Hut 11 ,
Westham.

London.
15.2.18.

Note We regret the delay in typing the above report, but we have been obliged to hold it up on account of pressure of work and shortage of machines.

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W.A. Rand.,

London.
18.2.18.

Off. M.

5th Battn.

EASTER

G. 6189
6891

K. 20/9/17.

I knew casualty, he was a man of slim build, 5'10" in height, fair complexion, about 28 years of age. Casualty was at Polygon Wood just prior to advance. He was lying on the top waiting to go forward when he was wounded. He was on his way out when I saw him last and I heard from good resources that he was killed on his way out.

Informant:- 6991
H. DEAN
59 Simpson Street
YARRAVILLE.

N.A.T.
19/9/19.

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5th Battn.

EASTER

G. 6891

K/A. 20/9/17

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Informant:- 6784
Pte. D. J. Mahoney
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Private Address:- 129 Cecil Street
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H.L.Ploydell
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29/8/19.

5th Btn
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RAINER
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"Killed in Action 20.9.17"

No trace Germany
Cert. by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.

London.
15.10.19.

Offm.

5th Btn.

EASTER, G.
Pte. 6891/6091

Killed in action 20/9/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a tall man about 6' 1", slightly built, dark complexion about 21 years of age. known as "George". He was a 19th or 20th Rfcts. Casualty was advancing at Polygon Wood. I was in the same advance. He was alongside of me and was carrying bombs in his pocket when an H.E. shell exploded a direct hit in the centre of us mortally wounding Casualty and wounding myself. This took place on the 20th September, 1917. I was lying alongside of Casualty in a shell hole until the 22nd September, 1917, but Casualty did not regain consciousness till the next morning when he was speaking to me and gave me his watch to give to his people, which was taken from me at the 2nd Canadian Casualty Clearing Station, and he died the same evening. His chief wounds were body, head and arms. I was taken out the same evening and I do not know where Casualty was buried."

Private address:- 60 Clarke Street, Port Melbourne.

Informant:- Pte. R. T. Bickett, No. 2560, 5th Btn.

T.C.F.
21/6/18.

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