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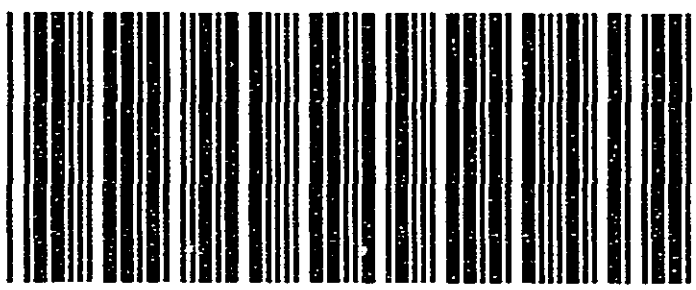
275 Lance Corporal Evared Austin

9th Machine Gun Company



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9th M.G.Coy.,
AIF

AUSTEN
E. 275

"Killed 4.1 0.17"

We had just moved up to our positions behind the Infantry on Zonebeek Ridge L/Cpl Austin had only been there 5 minutes when a shell dropped on his gun killing him and his No 2 instantaneously. He was buried just outside where he was killed.

Witness:- Pte. W. Butler 22
15th A. Dartford 10.1.18

London.
21.1.18

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9th M.G.Coy,
A.I.F.

AUSTEN,
E. 275

"Killed 4.10.17."

I saw him killed at Zonnebeke. He was hit about the head and body with shell fragments, death was instantaneous. He was working the gun at time of casualty. I knew him very well, he came from Sydney. We were relieved soon after, and I cannot give any details of burial, but the ground was held, and I feel sure he would be buried somewhere near place of casualty.

Informant:- Pte.H.R.Buckley, 1525,
33rd Battn A.Coy, 4th Pltn,
7.A.A.H.
Dartford.

W.Oman.

London.
22.2.18.

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9th M.G.Coy.
A.I.F.

AUSTEN
E. 275

"Killed 4-10-17"

Was L/Cpl., No. 1 on the gun, called Harry. I was about 10 yds. from him when he was hit. He was killed instantly by shell. It happened at Broodseinde on Oct. 4th. I saw the shell "lob" on him. They just buried him where hit, there was nothing to indicate his grave. He was a very decent chap, and popular with the boys.

Informant. MacInnes Cpl. 267
9th M.G.Coy.,
HAREFIELD.

W.G.J.
London
18-3-18

M.

[illegible] 8th. May. 191[illegible].

9th. Australian M. G. C. Austen, E. 275.

K. October. 4/1917. Date. D/B.

I know L/Corporal Harry Austin. He was at the taking of Rabaul, New Guinea. He was about [illegible], medium height and build, dark, clean-shaven. I was with him at [illegible] on October 4th, 1917, about [illegible] daylight. We had taken hill 4[illegible], and were digging in when he was hit by a shell and killed instantly. We held the ground. His body was taken back by S/Bearers. I do not know where he was buried.

Inf:- Private. K. Brand. 19[illegible].
9th. Australians. M. G. C.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

[illegible]

9th M.G.Co.
A.I.F.

AUSTIN,
E. 275.

"Killed in Action" 17-10-17.

Austin was killed on that day by a shell which landed on him at the gun position at Broodseinde. Another man, I can't think of his name, was killed also. He was buried in front of the gun position, I cannot remember any particular marking to the grave but we generally did mark with a rifle and small stick.

Informant. ~~MARTINES~~ INNES. Cpl. R.S. 267.
9th M.G. Co.
now 3rd Aus M.G. Battn.
Hut 19. WESTHALL.

W.A.Rame.
London.
14-5-18.

M.

9th M. G. C.
A. I. F.

Austen, Pte E. 275.

(K. Oct. 4/17. Bet D & B)

"I was with Austen when he was killed, we were in the same section. He was a Cpl at the time. He was killed at Zonnebeke on Oct. 4th. He was mounting his gun and a shell came in right on the top and killed two. He was buried on the ridge at Zonnebeke. I was not one of his gun party as he was such an unlucky man - would not join him. I knew him as Harry Austen."

Eye-witness: Yes

Description:

Informant: Pte L.R. Davis, 540, 9th M.G.C.
Clopton Hospital,
Stratford-on-Avon.

9th May 1918.
H. Davies.

M

9th AUST.M.G.C.

E. AUSTEN, 275.
P.E.Williams, 938.

Killed 4.10.17. Det.D/E.

It wasat Passchendaele. Both were L.G. men. Austen was L/Cpl. on the gun which they had in a shell hole, and Williams was No.2 onthe gun. A shell fell between them, killing both. There was no burial. W.H.~~Williams~~, No.562, No.1 Sect. who told me this, was near them at the time and confirm. Austen came from Melbourne; he crossed the sea with me Jan/17.

Wickham

Reference: Corpl. J. P. Powell, 270, No.1 Sect.

No.12 General, Rouen, 8.4.18.

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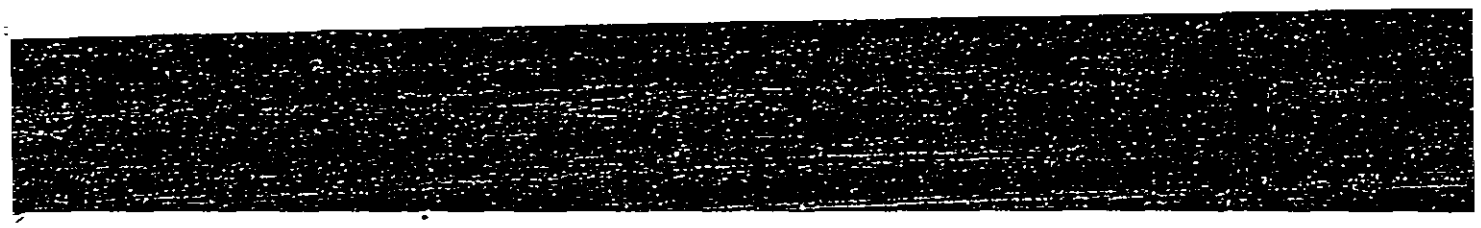

A.I.F. 9th Machine Gun Corps. Austen. Pte. E. 275.

(K.Oct.4/17)
Det.D/B.

"At Zonnebeke on the morning of Oct.4/17 about 9 a.m. Austen was killed by a 5.9 shell, being killed instantaneously whilst in action with his gun. I got all his personal effects and have sent them to his people through the usual channels. He was buried where he fell, in a shell hole on Hill 40, about 500 yards West of Zonnebeke Station. I was an eye-witness. He was a L/C. and his Xtian name was Everard."

Eyewitness: Yes.

Description: 5'8" 32 years, thin faced, dark hair, clean shaven.

Informant: Lt. Sydney C. McNulty.
9th Machine Gun Coy. A.I.F.
3rd London General Hospital,
Wandsworth.

22/4/18.
E.Liddell.

A.I.F.
9th. M.G.C

AUSTEN. 275.
Evered.

"Killed in Action 4.10.17".

No trace Germany.

Cert. by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.

London.
22.10.19.

M.

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