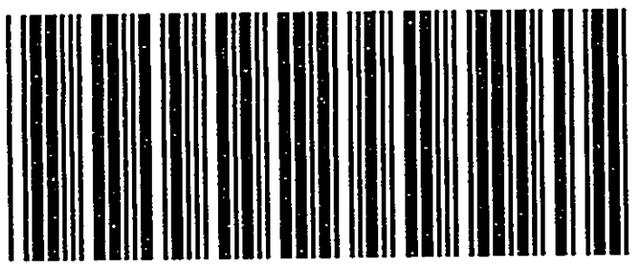
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1768 Private Joseph Vincent Donnelly

2nd Battalion



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A. I. F. 2. DONNELLY, J.V. 1768.

M. March 31st, 1918.

On March 21st (not 31st) the Bn. was at Hollebeke in front of Hill 60 holding the lines. Donnelly and others were in a post during night of 20th and next morning they went into a dugout to sleep. While asleep the dugout was surrounded by Bosches. Cpl. Cassidy, still with Bn. told me afterwards that Donnelly and 3 others were taken prisoner and 2 Bosches were left in charge of the dugout and he (Cassidy) and men of his pl. took the 2 Bosches prisoner on the morning of March 21st.

FJ.

Reference:- W.A.Brown. 6773.
1 Can. Gen. Hosp.

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DONHOLLY, J.V. 1768.
MARSHALL, M., Cpl.S. 4851
MINNETT, A.C. 4231A.
ROBERTSON, C.S. 4568

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M.March 31st 1918.

how P/W.

I knew Donnolly well, He was a pal, came from the south coast of N.S.W. Bowral I think. He was N.S.W. "Cockie" i.e. farmer. Came over on the same boat as I did. At Hill 60 we were on outpost duty and used to retire into pillboxes. 4 of us used to take it in turn to stay in thefirst pillbox. One night it was very clear when the four withdrew from the outpost to go to the ~~skii~~ pillbox but presently a fog came on and the enemy probably surprised them in the mist and made them P/W. when they were in the pillbox. Everything was found in the pillbox - their food etc as they had left it.

Inf: Pte A.R.Myers. 1791. 2.D.XVI.
No. 7 Stat Hosp.
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2nd A.I.F.

DONNOLLY, Pte. J.V. 1768
d. 15 Pltn.

M. March 21/Or 31/18.

"I se Marshall, Minett, and Robertson all taken prisoner at Hollebeke and I think Donnolly alos. It wasin the early morning in a fog. I was on the next post to them."

Eyewitness.

Description.

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19.6.18.
C. Elphick.

2nd Battn.
A.I.F.

DONNELLY,
J.V. 1768

"Missing 21.3.18."

Prisoner of War.
Cert. by Cen. extract from Post card from man dated 21.3.18.
Recd A.I.F. Hqrs 9.5.18.

London.
10.5.18.

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A.I.F. 2nd Battn.

DONNELLY
J.V. 1768

"REPATRIATED PRISONER OF WAR"

Arrived Ripon 30/12/18
Cert. by Information from A.I.F.Hqrs 2/1/19

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7/1/19

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