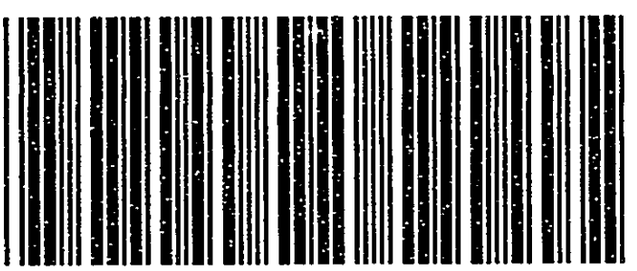
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3070 Private Cecil William Frank Brooker

34th Battalion



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34th Battn
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BROOKER
C.W.F. 2070
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"Killed Oct 1st 1917"

I was with him at Zonnebeke the night he was killed in a trench by a shell wic while he was digging. He died instantly. We buried him on the spotand put a cross over the grave. Hewas in my platoon. He was a very decent chap and was stretcher bearer at the time. Well liked by all the lade. 5'8" and fair.

Witness:- H. Halliday 778
34th Battn War Chest.

London.
24.1.18

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34th Batt. A.I.F.

Brooker.C.W.F. Pte. NO.3070

9Plat. C.Coy.

Killed Oct 1st 1917.. Det. D.B.

I saw him killed by a shell, we were just to the left of the Menin road, about a mile from Ypres. We buried him where he fell, a temporary cross was erected on the grave. I knew him in the coy,he was a L.Cpl over my section. I could not say where he came from.

Description. Height. 5-11. Complexion. Dark. Well Built.

Witness. Pte. Parsley.E. NO.710. C.Coy. 34th Batt.

Taken at
NO.4.C.D.Hurdcott.
2-2-18.
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NO.4.Command depot
Hurdcott.

34thA.I.F.

Brooker. Pte. C.W.F. 3070.

K. Oct. 1/17.
Det. D/B.

"I was told by Pte. H. Hoffham of 34th Batt. that he was acting as stretcher bearer with Brooker when he was blown to pieces by shell at Zonnebeke on Oct.1/17. Brooker was acting as Stretcher bearer."

Eyewitness: No. See above.

Description: 9 Pltn. C Coy. Man. Young fat face, cleanshaven, fair complexion.

Informant: Pte. D. Stewart. 2663.
34th A.I.F. C Coy. 10 Pl.
1st Southern General Hospital,
Birmingham.

Home address:
Ona Vale,
Boggabrie.

30/3/18
J. Passey.

Written to Pte H. Hoffman
9/4/18.

34th Batt
A.I.F.

BROOKER,
C.W.F. 3070

"Killed in Action 1.10.17."

Was in C.Coy, 8 platoon. He had only just joined up the Batt (was his first time in the line). I saw him killed instantly by shell (apiece in the side of head). We were in supports at the time, at Zonnebeke. I buried him at Mitchell's Farm (Zonnebeke) and also put a cross up with his name, number, etc.

Informant:- H.Hoffin, 2586,
34th Battn.
Harefield.

W.G.J.

S.

London.

34th Battn
A.I.F.

BROOKER,
C.W.F. 3070

"Killed 1.10.17."

I was right alongside him, perhaps 5 yards away when Brooker was killed outright by a shell which badly cut him up. Five of them were making a Lewis Gun position at Mitchell Farm left of Anzac Redoubt near Ypres Railway where he was killed. He was buried immediately about 100 yards from where he was killed and his grave marked with small cross name etc on and a rifle and his steel hat put at the head of grave.

Informant:- W.J.Hoyland, 792,
34th Battn C.Coy, A.I.F.
Hut 20,
Westham.

W.A.Rand.

London.
26.4.18.

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34th Battn.
A.I.F.

BROOKER.
Cecil.W.F. 3070.

"Killed in Action" 1-10-17.

Re Pte Brooker, he was a stretcher bearer on the same stretcher as myself when he was killed At the time of his being killed we were digging a trench on Zonnebeke Ridge and a shell landed in the trench and a piece went through his head which killed him instantly, and I helped to bury him in a trench at a place called Mitchell's Farm on Zonnebeke Ridge. We also constructed a cross above his head and nailed his identification disk on it. The identification of him. He was a chap well built. Height about 5ft. 6 ins. Fair hair and a rather boyish face. His age about 18 years. As far as I can remember he was once in the Pioneers Battalion.

Informant:- Pte.H.Hoffon. 2586
No 9 Coy.
No 1 Command Camp.
SUTTON VENY.

London.
21-5-18.

S.

34th Battn. A.I.F.

BROOKER

Pte. C.W.F. 3070

Killed 1/10/17

Buried White House St.Jean Cemetery, just N.E. of Ypres, 1.10E

Extracted from Capt. Spedding's List of 16/10/19

Melbourne

23/12/19

9/4/18

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Pte H. Hoffman.

34. Inf. Bttn.

C. F. F.

B.C.F.

K

Absent.

3070 Pte C.W.F. Brooker

34. Inf. Bttn.

C. F. F.

12. 1/10/14.

H.M.C.

9/4/18.

3070
Cecil W F Brooker No 2586 Pte W Hoffan
54 Battn No 9 Camp
The Secretary No 1 Command Depot
Wounded & Missing
Enquiry Bureau

England
No 9 Camp
No 1 Command
Lark Hay

Dear Sir

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I think I have told you all I know so I am Yours faithfully
Pte W F Hoffan