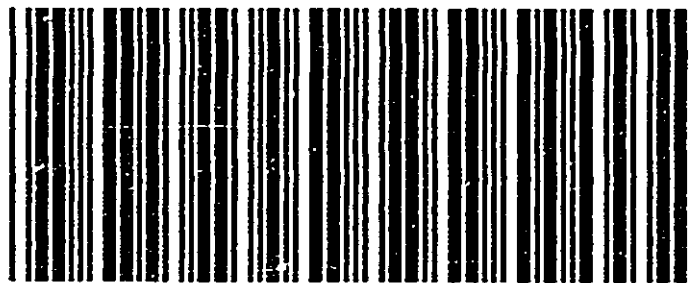


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2707 Private  
Alfred Eroid Ansell

42nd Battalion



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Havre

27th Dec. 1917.

42nd AUSTRALIANS

AERELL, A.C.N. 2707

K. 4.10.17. Det. P/DJ

He was in C Co., 10th Platoon I knew him slightly. He was in the L.C.S. He came over with the 6th or 7th Reinforcements. I saw him buried about 50 yards on the right side of the Railway line from Sannabek, going towards Passchendaele. He was buried where he fell. He was blown up by a shell and badly knocked about. A rough cross was put up with his disc tied on to it.

Informant: L/Opld J.W. Thomson, 726  
42nd Australian, C Co., 10th Platoon,  
Havre Hospital.

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B.

42nd Battn.  
A.I.F.

Ansell.  
A.E. 2707

"Killed 4.10.17"

Ansell was killed outright by a shell opposite Poelcappelle in Ypres sector when we went over the top. I saw him killed and I buried him just near where he fell that afternoon. A cross was erected. He was my platoon.

Witness:- J. Sheridan 713  
4th Bn. C. Coy.  
Bat 21 Aestran.

W.A. Sand

London.  
19.1.18.

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42nd Battalion, A.I.F.

Ansell, A.E. No. 2707.

K. Oct. 4/17. Bat. D/6.

I saw him blown to pieces by a shell, and another man named "Dutton" was killed at the same time. We buried what we could find of him in a shell hole near where it happened. This occurred after we took our 2nd objective on the left of Zonnebeke. I knew him well in the platoon only.

Description. Height. 5-7. Complexion. Fair. Slight Build.

Witness. Hill, E.W. Pte. No. 2092. "C" Coy. 42nd Battalion.

Taken at  
No. 4. D. D.  
Hurdott  
21-18.  
S.W.

S. Witness.  
No. 1. D. D.  
Hurdott.

42nd BATTN.

26th January 1917.

72nd BATTN.

Ansell - 2707.

27th October 1917. Det. 42nd B.

I knew Ansell for 2 months; he was medium height, strongly built, fair hair, came from Newcastle.

On the 27th October on the 42nd B. trench near the number 0 trench were in action and had taken our objectives on 1st and 2nd days from the trench station. We were seen identifying trench & saw a shell burst in the trench where Ansell was. Killing him outright. He was buried next day where he fell. A temporary cross was put up on his grave and on it. No other belongings were taken had he had to the ground and I left on the 27th October.

Info:- 401 J. J. Thomson No. 720.  
72nd B. Coy. C. Coy. 10 Bn.  
42nd B. Coy.  
Westham.



42nd BATTN.  
A.I.F.

ANSSELL,  
A.E. 2707.

"Killed 27.10.17. Det. D/B"

Ansell was killed outright, by a shell while close to the Boulers to Menin railway and is buried where he fell. I saw him buried but not actually hit. He was hastily buried and no cross or mark was made to the grave so far as I know.

Informant:- J.V. Fagan, 505,  
42nd BATTN. C. Coy.  
Hat 10,  
Westham.

W.A. Rand.

London.  
4.2.18.

B.

10th Battalion, A.I.F.

Amoy, A.I.F. No. 2797.

2. Oct. 1918. 10th Bn. A.I.F.

I saw him killed by a shell near the railway line at the bottom of Passchenlaele Ridge, Zonnebeke near Ypres. He was killed in action and what was found of him was buried in the ground. Only I saw him in the company.

Description: Height 5-8-0. Dark. Medium Build.

Witness: Stephen J. T. [unclear] 10th Bn. A.I.F.

Taken at  
No. 4. C. B.  
7-2-18.  
C. T.

C. T. [unclear]  
No. 4. C. B.  
[unclear]