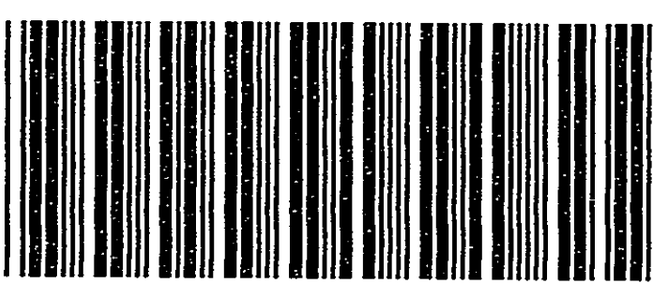
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244 Sergeant
John Victor Black

26th Battalion



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Havre 14th Nov. 1916

26th AUSTRALIANS BLACK, J.V. 244.

M. 5.8.16.

I knew Black personally. He came from Queensland. He was a short man, very fair, cleanshaven, about 5'4" - 5'5", and about 23 years of age. He was killed at Pozieres on the 5th August by a shell in "no man's land" . He was blown to pieces. I saw this happen. He was made a Sergeant at Armentieres either in May or June.

Informant; Pte C. Osbourne, 1747
26th Australians,
H. S. Asturias.

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26th Australian Imperial Force. Block, Pte. J.V. 244,
A Coy.

H Aug. 5th. 1916.

Informant states that on Aug. 5th. 1916 at Pozieres L/Cpl.. Joe. Morris (Bomber) told him that he saw J.V. Block's head blown off by a shell at the second charge of Pozieres on Aug..5th. 1916.

Reference:-- L/Cpl. C.T. Stickland, 2162,
26th Australian Imperial Force, A Coy.
Stourbridge Military Hospital.

Home address:-- Whytecliffe Street, Albion Brisbane,
Queensland.

Nov. 29th.
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26th A. I. F. J. V. BLACK, 244.

Missing 5.8.16.

His real initial was "W". He had been wounded and I met him at Etaples Base in August. From there he was sent to England, and I know no more.

Reference: Pte. W. Early, 4129.

No.1 Australian, Rouen. 7.12.16.

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26th Australians

Sgt
Black, ~~Pte.~~ J.V., 244,
A.Coy.,

M. Aug. 5th, 1916.

"Black was transferred to the Batt: Bombers. He went over the top at Pozieres and succeeded in taking the trench, but he was killed either by a shell or bullet."

Eye Witness: Yes.
Description: 5'6", Jack.

Informant:-- L/Cpl. A.G. Salmond, 1735,
26th Australians, A.Coy.,
1st London General Hosp:
Camberwell, S.E.

Home address:-- c/o Mrs. A.G. Coe,
Richmond River,
Alstonville, N.S.W.

2.4.17.
A. Reynolds.

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A.I.F. 26th Btn

BLACK
Sgt J.V. 244

"M. 5-8-16"

Killed in action 5-8-16 - previouly reported Missing
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 31-7-17

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London
8-8-17

26th Battn. A.I.F.

BLACK

Sgt. J.V. 244

Killed5/8/16

Buried Courcelette British Cemetery, 5 miles N.E. of Albert, 2.82Ec

S3P. 1585

Extracted from Capt. Speddings List of 16/10/19

Melbourne

29/12/19