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425 Private Albert Joseph Bowerman

1st Machine Gun Company



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Bowerman, Pte. A.J. 425

K. Nov. 7/17 Det D/B

"I remember it was between 4th & 7th Nov. /17 at Passchendaele we were in supports to Canadians, I was in front 300 yards to the R. a man of Bowerman's Co. told me he was killed by a shell, he was found dead next morning with a Cpl. and some others, three men went and buried them in the open, they were on a rise in the ground and the Germans could see wery movement. I was in the same Company as Bowerman."

Rye-witness: - No - told by, a man of Bowerman's Coy.

Description: - Height 5'8", Inf. knew Bowerman only K.v. slight, Inf. had been 3 weeks in the Coy.

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Informant: Pte. J.V. Lacey, 2602, 1 M.G.C. A.I.F., D.Coy., 3rd Southern Gen. Hosp., Cowley Section, Oxford.

April 19/1918. E.P.M. Dunn.

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7th February 1915.

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Вометшал А.J. Но. 425.

K. 7th Hovember 1917. Det D/B.

I knew Bowerman for 3 weeks: he was medium height, thick set about 30, and we called him 'Bower'.

at 6 0'c in the 7th Hovember we were in support trench at Passchendaele, a shell foll, and I saw Bowerman blown up. I was with him when he died a quarter of an hour afterwards. The wounds were in the head and body. There were only two men left of two gun teams, and we cleared directly Bowerman died carrying one man to the D/Station. I never was back there again.

Inf:- Pte E.J.Offer Ho. 3243. lat Aust. K.G.C. Australian Camp. Rouelles. PM.

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A.I.F. lst M.G.C.

Bowerman. Pte. A.J. 425. . C Section;

(K. 7.11.17.) Det. D/B.

"I was near A.J. Bowerman when he was killed by a shell during the attack by the Canadians on Passchendaele on the 7th Nov.17." beath has medantaneons -

Eye-witness: Yes.

Description: Medium height; fairish, stiffish built.

Informant: Pte. Chas: Moyle. 3139.
1st M.G.C. A.I.F. C Section. Norfolk War Hospital. Norwich.

Home address: Thelma.

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K. Nov 7th 1917. Dets.

On Nov 7th I was in supports with Bowerman. The night before he was killed, he was rather badly gassed. He was sick and in a concrete dugout at the time. The next day he came out into the trench and while there he and another man were struck by a shell and killed right out. He was buried behind the trench, a short distance from where he fell. They couldn't hold a service but a cross marks the grave. He was o of medium height and build and a very strong man, he came from HSW.

> Inf: J.K. Penny. 424. 1. Toy. No. 7 Stat Hosp. BOULOGNE. 18.1.18. HH

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