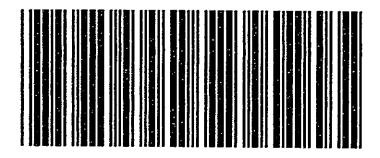
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6580 Lance Corporal Erle Henderson

25th Battalion



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Henderson, E. 6580

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K Oct. 4 4/17. Det. D/B.

I saw him killed right out at Ypres on the Zonnebeke Ridge. He was buried by us where he fell and his rifle and hat stuck up over him. I knew him well. His Father presented ed our flag before we left Queensland. He was a fine fellow. He had been through an O T C course just before he was killed.

Inf:- Goodall.T. 6568. A A No 9 Red Cross Hosp. Calais. 29 I2 I7.

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25th Batth A.T.P. HENDERSON, B. 6580

"Killed 4.10.17."

I saw him killed cutright (practically blown to pieces)
by a shell about 40 yards from me at about 11 e.m. on Sept.
20th (not Oct 4) at Polygon Mood when we were digging in after having taken our first objective. He was buried on the spot and a temporary cross was put up, which I have seen.
He belonged to B.Coy, (?VIIIPIth) and was the only Henderson in the Coy. We called him "Hendy". A dark "Nuggetty" well built man of about 22. He dame from Brisbane and his father gave the flag for the 19th Rits.

Informant: - Pte.W.Rienecker, 6639,

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London. 17.4.18.

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25th Battn. A.I.F.

HENDERSON 6580

"Killed 4-10-17"

Henderson was in D.Coy., and came from Woodburn, so did I and Cpl.T.Grant. The latter, who was in D.Coy., and with the Coy. as far as I know, was a mate of Henderson's and could give the information desired.

Informant. Livingstone D.E. 5609 25th Battn. B.Coy., Hut 45.

Note:-

Written Cpl. Grant. 11.6.18

W.A.Rand London 12-6-18

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25th Battn. A.I.F. HENDERSON Erle 6580

"Killed in Action 4-10-17".

Re 6580 Pte.E.Henderson, D.Coy. 25th Battn. I only know what the others told me, as I was not in the battle of 4-10-17. He had just been made a L/Cpl. and had been put in charge of my gun. The No.1 of the gun told me he got to the village of Zonnebeke alright, but he missed him from there on. I think he must have been buried where they found him. I consider it extremely unlikely that he would be buried in an ordinary Cemetery, as all the country aroung there was under fire for a good while afterwards, and there were a good many casualties. Pte.Henderson was a young chap of about 20, rather dark, and a trifle over medium height. He was a son of Mr.Henderson, of Myrtle Creek, Richmond River, M.S.M. This about all I know about the matter, although while in France I did my best to find out what really happened to him.

Letter from:- Grant. Cpl.C.T. C.Coy. 5th T.B., FOVANT. 25-6-18

London 27-6-18 A.M.H.

25th Battn. HENDERSON Pte.E. 6580 McCullough Pte R.D.G. 6365 A.I.P. McBriar Pte.L.R. 911 Orchard Pte.H.L. 6372 Simmonds Cpl.W.P. 5681 "Killed in Action 4-10-17" The above named men were all killed on 4-10-17, near Zonnebeke, and buried there in one grave. This information was given to us from Battn. Hqts. I came over with all these men.

Informent. Egerton. Chas. HenryPte.6316 Home address: -; Red Bank, via Brisbane.

Queensland.

(very intelligent) 25th Battn. D.Coy., Red Cross Hpl., CHRISTCHURCE.

F.Watkinson 24-6-18 London 5-7-18

25th Battalion. A. I. P.

. No. 6580

"Killed 4/10/17"

Informant described Henderson as about 5ft 9s high, medium build, aged about 25/36. Informant states that they both belonged to "D"Company, No. 15 Platoon. On 4/10/17 the Battalion was on the Ypres sector in action. In the early morning Benderson was badly wounded by a piece of shell. Informent was about a chain away from him at the time and saw him fall. So far as he could recollect Henderson was not conscious after being hit. Informent saw him taken away on a stretcher to a Dressing Station and heard later that he died there. Informant had not apoken to Henderson on that day. In Informant's opinion Henderson was sure to have been buried seeing that he died at a Dressing Station.

According to Informant Henderson was well liked by his

Chuma.

Informant; - Corporal W.G. Paschen, No. 2223 "D" Company - 25th Battalion. W.B.G. Home address; - Post Office, Kedron, Brisbane, Quland, 19/11/18. Sydney Railway Station.

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1 G. T. Grant. (CH);