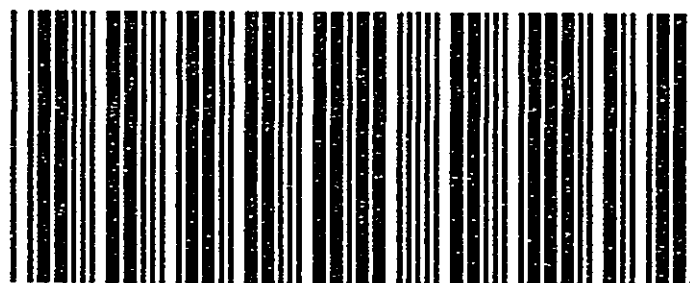


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**2796 Private
George Robert
Carruthers**

40th Battalion



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A. I. F. 40.

CARRUTHERS, G. 2796.

K. March 27th, 1918.

In March when we were near Amiens I was in the L/gun team with Carruthers. A few shells were coming over and Carruthers got one which blew both his legs off. I put him in a shell hole but he died in a few minutes. We had to push on and advanced again about 1000 yards. The Germans did not get over that ground while we were there. We were there 3 days and were relieved by the 41st. Bn. Carruthers came from Queenstown, Tasmania, where he was a butcher.

FAIR.

Reference:- Cpl. A.T.Oates. 2124. B.
L/G. School.

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8.8.18.

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12th June 1918.

A.I.F. 40.

Carruthers G. No. 2796.

K. 27th March 1918. Det D/B.

This man was killed in an advance on the 27th March. He was buried by the 40th Battn band. Sergt Brittain in charge of the band now with the Battn can give particulars. Carruthers came out from Australia with the 6th reinforcement on the 's.s. 'Orsara'.

Inf:- Pte R.J. Airey No. 2775.
No. 1. Gen. Hos. (Etretat).

W.H.B.

F.A.

Written Lt. Brittain 4.7.18. letter returned. Sgt Brittain returned to Australia 30.1.18 #21

40th Battn.
A.I.F.

2796.

CARRUTHERS.
G.

"Killed in Action" 27-3-18.

He was buried by another Unit who took his personal effects from his body and sent them to me, I forwarded them through the usual channels to the Base to be sent to his people. The casualty occurred at McIlanecurt on the Somme on 27-3-18.

Informant: - G.E. *Capit Green*
Regt. 40th Battn.
LONDON OFFICE.
7.6.18

London.
14-6-18

M.

40th Battn. ~~41~~ Coy.
A.I.F.

Pte.G.

CARRUTHERS.
2796.

"Killed in Action" 27-3-18.

At the Somme, near road between Albert and Amiens - We went over the top to attack at 5.p.m. I was alongside Carruthers when he was hit through the forehead by bullet. I saw that he was dead and then went on - was hit myself 10 mins after. Carruthers came from Burnie, Tasmania, was a farmer and single. He came with me in 6th Rits and I was with him right through. Do not know anything about burial.

Informant: - Pte.W.A.Williams.
40th Battn.C.Co.
WEYMOUTH.

A.D.G.
London.
18-6-18.

M.

40th Battalion A.I.F.

Carruthers. Pte.G. 2796.
B.Coy.

K. Mar. 27/18 Det D & B

"I saw Carruthers dead, his leg was blown off, on March 27th just above Meilly in a stunt we had with the Germans. For further details, relations should write to the Company Clerk, B.Coy."

Eye-witness:- Yes.

Description:- Carruthers had a letter to ~~break~~ break off his engagement, the girl said she had married another man, this letter arrived the day he was killed. He was about 5'8" in height, age abt. 25, dark, clean shaven, weight abt. 11 stone 6.

Informant:- Cpl. Garnet R. Gourloy, 3253
40th Bn. A.I.F. B.Co.
Acting Quarter Master.
Fulham Military Hospital,
Ward H.2.

Home address:-
Hobart.

26.7.18
M.L. Marmorran.

NOTE TO MELBOURNE

40th Battn.
A.I.F.

CARRUTHERS
G. 2796

"Killed in Action 27-3-18"

We have written to 3611 Sgt. A. Brittain - 40th Battn., about above soldier. The letter has been returned. We now learn from A.I.F. Hqts. that Sgt. Brittain returned to Australia 30-1-18.

London
31-8-18
H.T.

M.

40th A.I.F.

Carruthers. G. 2796.

(K. Mar. 27/18.)

Dets. D/B.

"I saw Pte. Carruthers (40.B.VI?) shot by a bullet and killed instantaneously while we were going over at Ribemont sur l'Ancre to make an attack on March 27th. I was only 20 yards away and saw him fall. We went straight on and left him. I am sorry I do not know where he is buried. We held the ground. He is sure to have been found afterwards, as it was all clear open country."

Eyewitness: Yes.

Description: With me 3 or 4 months in France, fair, I can give no particulars.

Informant: Pte. V. Emery. 83.

40th A.I.F. B. V.

5rd Southern General Hospital,
Durham Buildings, Oxford.

Home address:

Oatlands, Tasmania.

23.6.18.

H.M. Pickard Cambridge.

Handwritten signature/initials

40th bn.
A.I.F.

Killed 27.3.18

Carruthers
CARRUTHERS.
G. 2796.

He was of B. Coy. VII Platoon. Towards end of March at Heilly on the Somme about 7 kilos from Albert, we were advancing at time 4 p.m. killed by shell badly knocked about especially in body. I was about 100 yds. away. Went back same day and took his body back to military cemetery at Heilly, where I helped to bury him. No mark erected, no time to do this. Two other men out of other Coy's also buried here.

Came from Tasmania, was butcher at Zeehan, Christian name George, single man about 24 years of age.

A.D.G.
London.
4.7.18
J.E.A.

Informant:-

Patterson, Pte. A. 2626.
40th Batt. B. Coy.
VII Platoon.
HAREFIELD.

M.

40th Btn.

CARRUTHERS, G.R.
Pte. 2796.

K. in act. 26/8/18.

"I knew Casualty. He was about 5 ft. 5 ins., well built, fair complexion, 24 years of age, known as "George". Casualty was advancing at Heilly when a shell landed a piece entering his leg. He died about 20 minutes later. I helped to bury him near Battalion Headquarters on the side of the road at Heilly. We put his disc on the cross that was erected over the grave."

Informant:- Pte. L. J. Beilin,
No. 7454, 40th Btn.

Private address:-
Penguin P.O.
Tasmania.

S.V.P.
6/9/19.

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