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2570 Private James Anderson Gordon

33rd Battalion



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Havre 30th. November.1917.

33rd AUSTRALIANS GORDON, T.G. 2570

K. June 8th.1917. Det. D/8.

He was a Scotchman I think. He had a Scotch accent. He was thin faced, medium build, and about 25 years of age. Pt. Jack Tipper of the 33rd Batt., (now with the Battalion) was with him when he was killed in "No man's land", to the right of Plugstreet in June. He was blown to pieces. Tipper told me he had written to Gordon's sister, and told her of his death, but did not say that he was blown to pieces. He told her that he had buried Gordon.

Informant: Webb, C.E. 1944
33rd Australians, C.Co., XI.Pltn.
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

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Written Pt. Tipper 13.12.17.

33 A.I.F.

Gordon. Pte. T.G. 2570.

(K. June 8/17)
Det D/B.

"I have reported particulars of the death of T.G. Gordon to his sister but I do not think I mentioned that he was buried on the battle field at Messines and the Chaplain read the service - it was <u>not</u> in a Cemetery."

Eye-witness: Yes.

Description:

Informant: Pte. J. Tipper. 2394.
33 A.I.F. A Coy.,
Fulham Mil: Hospital.
Hammersmith. W.

8.2.18.
V.Cholmondley.

33rd Battn.
B.Coy,
A.I.E.

GORDON,
T.G. 2570

"Killed 8.6.17."

I saw him killed at Ploegsteert Wood. He was caught by shell fragments, which knocked him about very badly, death being instantaneous. Casualty happened in the front line during a heavy bombardment. I knew him very well, his people live somewhere is Scotland. I did not see his grave, and I cannot refer to anyone, but I heard he was buried at Prowse Panel, Ploegsteert Wood, and that the grave was marked with a cross bearing his number name and unit.

Informant:- L/Cpl. H.Livingstone, 25~~44~~,
33rd Battn BCoy, 6th Pltn,
3.A.A.H
Dartford.

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25.2.18.

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33rd Battn.
A.I.F.

GORDON,
T.G. 2570

"Killed 8.6.17."

Before daybreak on June 8th, after our attack at Messines he was buried by a shell together with Ptes. Lavington "Billy" Pomford and Pascall. I helped Sgt. (now) Lieut.) Crowley and Pte Richardson to dig them up but all four had been killed outright. The bodies were left at the back of the trench and had not been buried when we came out 3 days later owing to the heavy shelling. We had consolidated the position and were holding the trench when they were killed. All the men belonged to B.Ccy, VII Pltn, 33rd Battn, A.I.F. Gordon was a Scotchman. Name Thomas, height about 6ft, fair, age about 30.

Informant:- Pte.W.H.Hinds,
33rd Battn, B.Ccy, VII Pltn,
Dartford.

London.
10.4.18.

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