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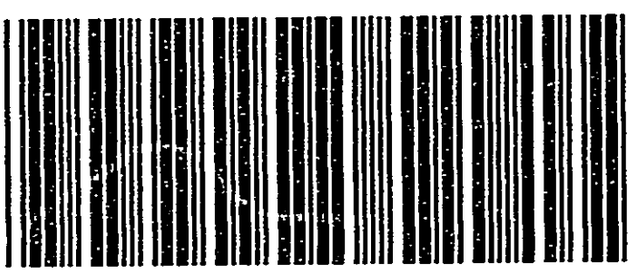
4083 Private
John Clark

20th Battalion



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20th AUSTRALIANS CLARK, J. 4083

Z. 11th March 1917 det D/B

I knew Private Jack Clark of A. Co. His number was about 4083. Private Barnshaw, Battalion Pioneers, A.Co., told me that he buried Clark at Le Transloy in March 1917. Barnshaw is still with his unit at the Cook House.

Informant: Pte. D. W. Heaton 5647
20th Australians
A.Co. 4th Pltn
Australian Camp, Romelles

RDM

Walter H Barnshaw
18-10-17

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20th Batn
A.I.F.

CLARK
Pte. J. 4083

"Killed in Action 11.3.17."

Re enquiry into Pte. 4083 J. Clark killed in action on the 12th of March at Leigny Thurloy and buried on the field and as far as I know was not registered.

I buried Pte. Clark on the 12th of March in an orchard at Leigny Thurloy and put a cross over him with name Unit and date inscribed. The orchard is situated on the right of the road on the edge of the village on the Bapaume side.

Letter from:-
180 Pte. B. Earnshaw A. Coy., 20th Batn
France 24.10.17.

London.
31.10.17.

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20th A.I.F.

Clark Pte. J. 4083.
A Co: III Pl:

(K. March 11/17)
Det D/B.

"I was by the sie of John Clark at Thiloy on the Somme on March 11/17 when he was killed by a trench mortar bomb. He was buried there on the same spot on the following night. I saw his grave and a man called O.Campbell made a cross and put Clark's name on it, also date of death."

Eye-witness: Yes.

Description:

Informant: Pte. Peter Bennett. 4374.
20th A.I.F. A Co: III Pl:
East Leeds War Hospital.

Home address: Helensburgh.
Illawarraline.
N.S.W.

31.10.17.
D.L. Ellershaw.

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20th Btn.

CLARK, J.
Pte. 4083.

Killed in action 11/3/17.

"I knew Casualty well. He was a big man about 13 stone, fair, aged 36. He was in the front line at Le Barque when an H.E. shell exploded in the trench and killed Casualty instantly. He was buried just near where he fell."

Informant:- P. Brew,
No. 4073, 20th Btn.

Private address:-
Endfield, N.S.W.

T.C.F.
4/1/18.

M Cd. Auth

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CLARK, 4083,
John.

A.I.F.
20th. Battalion.

"Killed in Action 11.3.17".

Name.	Unit.	Cause of Casualty.
		Hc trace Germany.

Cert. by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.

London.
16.10.19.

M.

Ackd P.C. 29-10-17

4083 Pte. J. CLARK
20 Batn
K/A 11-3-17
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France 24th Oct.

Miss Deakin

received your letter re enquiry into Pte 4083 J. Clark "killed in action" on the 12th March at Eigny Thurloy and buried on the field and has far has I know was not registered. I buried Pte Clark on the 12th March in a orchard at Eigny Thurley and put a cross over him with name unit and date inscribed. The orchard is situated on the right of the road on the edge of the village on the Bapaume side

190 Pte Learnshaw. A Coy 20th Batt