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**3426 Private
Robert James Cassidy**

16th Battalion



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16th Battn.
A.I.F.

Cassidy.
R. J. 3426.

"Missing believed Killed 5.2.17."

Radway 16th Battn, Platoon Sig and J. Martin 16th Battn. No
7 Platoon could tell about Cassidy.

Witness:-

H. Laurence 539.
16th Battn.
Harefield. W 15.

W. Alison. ,

London.
30.5.17.

Note Written Pte. Radway and J. Martin. 28.5.17.

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A.I.F.
16th. Battn.

CASSIDY,
R.J. 3426

" Missing Believed Killed 5.2.17."

Killed in Action 5.2.17. previously reported Missing
believed Killed .

Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 2.6.17.

London.
6.6.17.

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A.I.F. 16.

K. 2.2.17.

CASSIDY R.J. 3426.

I knew R.J. Cassidy. He was in B.Co. VII Pl. I was in the same trench with Cassidy on 2nd. Feb. at Pozieres when a shell burst in the trench. After the explosion of the shell there was nothing more to be seen of Cassidy. He must have been blown to pieces.

Informant: Pte.H. Lawrence. 539. B.Co. VII Pl.
No.13 Gen.Hospital.
BOULOGNE.. 13.7.17.

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17th July. 1917.

16th AUSTRALIANS

CASSIDY, R.J. 3426

K. Feb. 2nd. 1917. Det. D/B.

He was in B. Co., VII. Pltn. He came from Collie, Western Australia. He was a timber cutter. He and I were in the same billets at different times in France and Egypt and I knew him well. His christian name was Robert. His number is 3426. I was told by Pt. James Merchant of B.Co., VII.Pltn., that he had seen Cassidy blown to pieces by a 9.2 shell. The ground where he was killed was taken by the enemy and held for about a week. Merchants opinion was that he Cassidy could not have been buried. Merchant was with the Battalion a month ago.

Informant: Pt. F.F. Mason 1835

16th Australians, B.Co., VII.Pltn.

Australian Camp, Rouelles.

CMR.

Written Rte. Kerschau 31-7-17

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16th A.I.F.

Cassidy R.J. 3426.

(K. Feb. 2/17 Det. D/B)

"I was not far from Pte. Cassidy (16 B. V) when he was killed on Feb. 2nd at Flers. He was with the M.G. crew when a shell fell among them and he was never seen again. He must have been blown to pieces. We were supporting the 13th Batt. while an attack was being made. Our objective was taken beyond".

Eye-witness: No, Informant was not far off and gives above account.

Description: "I knew him well. He came from W. Aus. Young, we called him Cass"

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