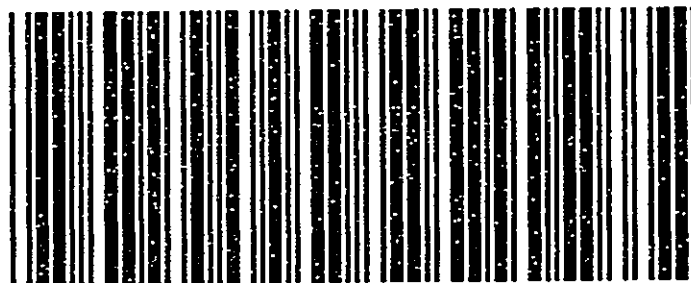


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2567 Private
Graham Rodgers Cox
15th Machine Gun Company



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15th M.G. Coy.

COX

Pte G.R.

2567

Killed in action 14-7-16

At 3.45 p.m. this date Cox of No 1. Sect. with his gun team (No 2.) on which he was No 3. went up to the front line from supports for the Promelles stunt. Cox and five others (two being Pte Horwood and Pte Shearer both of Geelong, Vict.) were sitting in the front line waiting for the hop-over timed for 6.30 p.m. When at 4.30 p.m. on this bright afternoon a high explosive shell landed at their feet killing the six instantaneously-- all with head wounds--no other marks

Informant of same section and 100 yards away in same trench received the above information three minutes later from Sgt. Cyril Cameron- now Lieutenant and of Victoria who an eyewitness, was reporting the casualties to his section officer Lieut. now Captain J.J. Saunders of N.S.W.

On the morning of the 20th July at 10 o'clock the 5th Pioneer Bn. carried the six out and buried them at the Bois de Grenier Cemetery South of Fleurbaix, in one grave.

Over the grave was erected a fairly large cross properly inscribed which informant saw personally on the 29th July.

Cox was real sport and an excellent chap being very popular. He excelled in running, winning for instance the Coy. event prior to leaving Egypt for France. Also was fine footballer Educated at a Melb. Public School. He joined unit when first formed in Mch. 1916 Was small with brown curly hair.

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COX(continued)

NOTE : It is very remarkable to note that in the Support

Line before moving into the Front Line these six men
-and only these six-
were singing together "A Perfect Day" This incident

followed by the casualties made an impression on the men
of the Coy.

A.I.F. 15th M.G. Coy.

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Cox was a Private in the 15th Machine Gun Coy. I cannot say I knew this man well, but I was in the same Machine Gun Company as he. I did not see him get killed, but saw him and eight others getting buried at a Cemetery at Rifle Ville. He was killed, I believe, at Fromelles. I did not see any marks visible on him to state how he came by his death. He did not appear knocked about very much. A cross was erected for them all. He was a short fair headed chap, about 21 years, I should say. I heard him say he used to go to Scotch College, Melbourne. I believe his father was a Minister. That is all I knew of him.

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