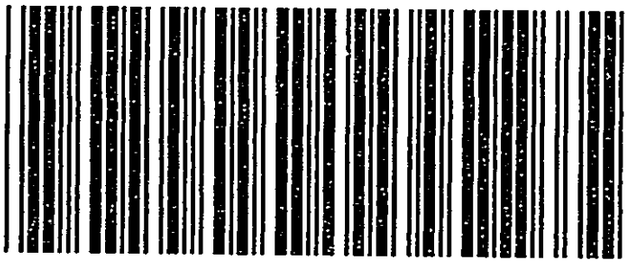
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138 Private Albert Blackburn Crossley

1st Battalion



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A.I.F. 1st Btn
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CROSSLEY

A.B. 138

"K in A 6-3-17"

Killed in action 6-3-17 - Buried at E. side of road Sancourt L'abbaye - Le Barque 3 miles S.W. of Bapaume 1 mile E, of Le Sais Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 4-10-17.

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1st BATT. A.I.F. CROSSLEY. A.B. 136.

K.March 6th.1917. Det

He was quite a young fellow and belonged to D.Coy, as far as I remember. But he had been with me in a mining company all the winter so I knew him very well. At the beginning of March we were near Le Barque. We were digging saps as the Germans retirad. We worked on three shifts and he was on the same shift with me. We were coming out of the sap and he was the first to get out from it, when just as he did so he got a direct hit from a big shell. The explosion blew the rest of us back into the sap. We buried him up there beside the trench, near Le Barque and the old Abbey was behind us.

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Ref ---Pte Daw. 4436. C.Coy.
No 47 Gen. Hospital.

Le Treport. Oct 20th.1917

1st Btn.

CROSSLEY, A.B.
Pte. No. 138

Killed in action 6/3/17.

"I saw Casualty killed at Yarra Bank between Fleurs and Posieres about 6th March, 1917 by H.E. shell. He was buried near by."

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1st Batn
A.I.F.

CROSSLEY
A.B. 138

"Killed 6.3.17."

We were at Yarra bank on fatigue and Crossley was in a mining platoon when a shell hit him direct and blew him to pieces, only part of his remains were found and there were buried in a sandbag at Yarrabank near Bapaume road, I was one of the party that buried him and on his grave is a cross with his name etc., I saw it.
Pte. Renner O.G. 2199
Dartford. 16.10.17.

London.
24.10.17.

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