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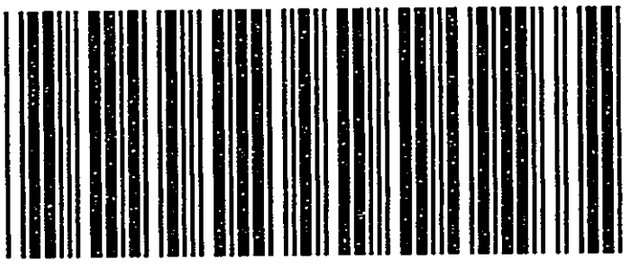
2876 Private
Albert Crothers

16th Battalion



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France.

A. I. F. 16. CROTHERS, A. 2876.

M/31st. August 1916.

He was in my section. Ginger Lee, also in my section (H.Q.,M.G.), told me that he saw Crothers killed,.

References: Cpl. Spang, 1427, C.Coy,M.G.Sec.,
No. 4 A.D.B.D.

Staples.
5.12.16.
IBA.

Written Pte Lee 19.12.16

France.

A.I.F. 16. CROTHERS.A.2876.

M.Aug.31st.1916.

There is a man called Pte.McKay.A.P. (L.M.G.) C.Coy. who told me that he saw one of the orderlies in No.4 field ambulance Warloy ~~XXXXXXX~~ Boullion about six miles from Albert who told him that he saw this man pass through the field ~~XXX~~ ambulance. Pte.McKay is up with the Battn. still.

Inf: Pte.Ryan. 1325.
OH Leave.
BOULOGNE. 23.10.16. EFN.

Third hand

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16th A. I. F.

Crothers, Pte. A.(Bert) 2876
B Company

(K. Aug: 31st/16.)

Informant states that on Aug: 31st 1916 at Pozières the Battalion went over the parapet at 12 o'clock midnight. While advancing, about half-way between the lines, Crothers was struck by a bomb in the head and killed instantly. Informant was by his side at the time. He does not know what became of the body.

Reference:- Pte. John Lee, 3257,
16th A. I. F., C Coy. II Pl:
Bagthorpe Hospital, Ward 6 Bed 1.
Nottingham.

Home Address:- 213, Franklin St.,
Adelaide, South Australia.

November 9th 1916.
J. Beard,

Havre Jan. 26th 1917

AUSTRALIANS 16 CROTHERS A. 2876

M.Aug.31/16

He was in the L.G.Sec. of which I was in charge on the night of the 31st Aug. He went over the top at Hooge at Farm. Crothers was ammunition carrier and got 100 yds. past our objective, Bonnet Farm, and that was the last I saw of him. We retired to our original position. We were relieved next day. The ground was taken by another platoon a few days later.

Informant Cpl.V.Drew 1465
16th A.I.F. C Co. IX pltn.
Dock Rest Camp
H.M.D.H.

16th A. I. F. M.G.S. A. CROTHERS. 2876.

Missing 31.8.16.

Informant states he knew him personally. On the night of the 30th August 1916 we attacked at Mouquet Farm. Crothers was in the attacking party. Although it was stated that he had been killed I knew nothing personally as to what had become of him, but his great pal, Pte. W. Murray of C Co. told me that when he was coming back after the attack next morning, 31st Aug.'16, he had seen him lying out in No Man's Land dead and with half his head blown off. Murray is still with the Batt. so far as Informant knows who saw him last on the 9th April 1917.

Reference: Pte. G. Cates, 2871. B Co. M.G.S.
No.6 General, Rouen. 18.4.17.

WTMR.

Pte W. Murray
Written 26.4.17
M.G.B

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16th Battn.
A. I. F.

Crothers.
A. 2876.

"Missing 31.8.16."

Your inquiry of 26.4.17. to hand to see if I know anything of A.Crothers 2876, missing 31.8.16. Well I knew him well being one of my best friends, and I remember the night we lost him. On the night of the 29.8.16 we attacked a strong enemy position and being in the same Lewis Gun team as him we both crossed "no man's land" together, till we were just on the enemy trenches when coming to a big shell hole he went round the right side of it and I round the left and that was the last I saw of him alive, bit later I saw a Lewis Gunner lying killed just a few yards from where I saw him last alive and unless a member of some other gun team got lost and came on our sector, which I do'nt think likely as we were on the flank, it must have been him, and though I have no identification disc or any proof I feel sure it must have been him. Description. Dark Complexion. Height about 5.6. Age about 34.

Letter from:-
Pte. W. Murray,
C.Coy.
16th Battn.

London.
18.5.17.

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A.I.F. 16th Btn

CROTHERS
Albert 2876

"M. 1-8-16"

Killed in Action 31-8-16 - previously reported Missing.
Cert. by A.I.F.Headquarters 8-6-17.

P.

London
15-6-17

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F.M. 11.5.17

4th May 1917

The Secretary. A.R.C.S.

Your inquiry of 26-4-17. to hand, in case if I know anything of A. Brothers, 2876. Missing 31-8-16

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Description
Dark Complexion
Height about 5-8. Age about 27

W.
Pte Murray. C.Co
(written 26.4.17)
16 Batt AIF

2876. A. CROTHERS

16 Batt^n AIF

M 31.8.16.

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