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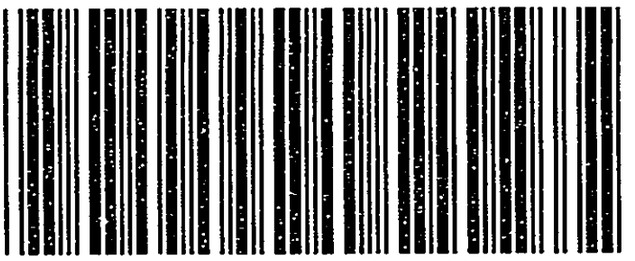
2639 Private
Oscar Dignam

56th Battalion



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56.Aus.

Dignam. O. Pte. 2639.
D.Coy. 13 Pltn.

K. April 2/17. Det. D/B.

"Pte. Oscar Dignam was killed instantaneously by a shell on April 2nd. He was buried that night close to the trench where he was killed. His grave is marked with a cross with his name and all particulars painted on it in the village of Luveral in the Department of the Pas de Calais. I saw the grave, it is under a clump of trees on the side of the Bapaume-Cambrai Road."

Eye witness:

Description: He was training in Camp in Goulburn.N.S.W.

Informant: Pte. Donald J. Duggan. 2037. D.13.
56/Aus.
Beech House Military Hospital.
16, The Avenue, Brondesbury.

Home address: Harris Road,
Abbotsford. N.S.W.

S.Davidson.
13.June 1917.

MC

56th Battn.
D.Coy. 13th Pltn.
A. I. F.

Dignam.
O. 2639.

"Killed 2.4.17."

I saw him killed by a shell at Longueval (?) on 2nd April 1917, 10. 30.a.m. I was within 20 yards of him when the shell hit him and some others. He was buried the same day. Refer to J. McCarthy of the 56th Battn. D.Coy. 13th Pltn. who buried him close to the place of casualty, he can give you full information. I knew him very well, slept together, when out of lines. No other of same name. He came from Armcliffe, New South Wales. I did not see his grave. Death was instantaneous.

Witness:-
Pte. S. E. Watson. 2686.
56th Battn. D.Coy. 13th Pltn.
3rd Aust. Aux. Hpl.
Dartford.

W. Cman.

London.
28.6.17.

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