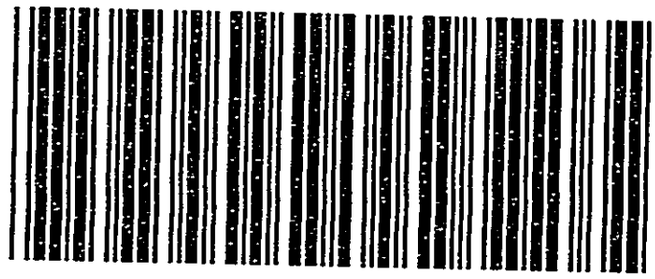
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1836 Private
Walter Gardiner

37th Battalion



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A.I.F. 37th Btn

GARDINER
W. 1836

"Wded & Missing"

Killed ✠ in action 12-10-17 - previously reported Wded & Missing Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 13-5-18.

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Gardiner,W 1836.

W &M Oct 12&17

A Wallie Gardiner,of the 2nd reinf.who enlisted and came with me,a married man from Port Melbourne ,Vict;a coal labourer about 22 to 23,was wounded that day at Passchendaele. We were following our barrage at the time;th N Z's on our left were two hours late and the snipers from pill-boxes on that side cut us off;then aeroplenes spotted us and I got a piece of shell in the head and dropped into a shell-hole. Gardiner was in the next shell-hole with two others; a shell burst there and Gardiner was wounded;Pte.H Field,D Co,got out and is up in the line;the other man was killed. Gardiner tried to get out of the hole and as he did so a sniper got him,I think in the chest. I saw another man get to him and try to bandage him. It was only a few yards away and I sang out to him"ow are you Wallie?' I got no answer so I fancy it was serious. Then I got out. Our people got their objective and the wounded were got in. There was also a Serg Wallie Gardiner,a Batt.man,wounded but he is back.

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Was in D. Coy, 13 or 14 platoon, called "Wally". I saw him knocked by a piece of shrapnel on Oct 4th, while going up to the lines at Ypres. He was hit in the shoulder-not a very bad wound. I think he walked to the C.C.S. I don't know if he arrived there safely. We have not heard anything later of him.

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