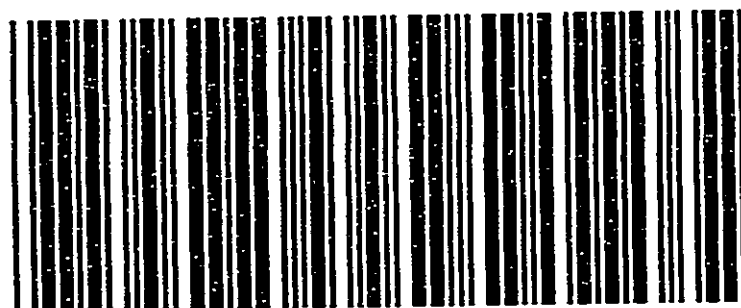


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**2394 Private  
Norman John Falls**

**2nd Pioneer Battalion**



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2nd Austr. Pioneers.  
A.Coy. A.I.F.,

FALLS

N.J.

2394

*Hormen John*

"Killed Nov. 14/16"

I saw this man killed at Fiers on Nov. 14th 1916. He was digging a communication trench and stood up to look for another shovel, when he was shot through the heart by a bullet from a machine gun and died at once. His personal effects were sent to his next of kin in Victoria. We buried him on the parapet of the trench at a place called "Maze" near Fiers. The fatality occurred about during an attack. Ground was lost. Falls was about 5.8 or 5.9, fair hair, stout build, 25 or 26 years. From Stawell, Victoria. By occupation - a bricklayer. No Nickname.

Reference:-

Cpl R Elliott 362  
A.Co. 2nd Austr. Pioneers.  
Perham Downs Camp,  
14.4.17.

London  
21.4.17.  
A.R. McPhee

M.

2nd Pioneers.  
A.I.F.,

FALLS  
N.J. 2394

*holmes john*

"Killed Nov. 14/16"

I saw him killed instantaneously he just gave a groan. My brother jumped over him, we were out digging a communication sap, the infantry were in front and we went over to the sap. He had 2 or 3 bullets right through the head. I knew him well as we came from Egypt together where we were joined up. He was about 5' 10 in, fair complexion and came from N.S.W. Don't know if buried.

Reference:- B.T. Johnston 429  
2nd Pioneers, A.I.F.,  
Ward 15  
Harefield Hospital.  
23.4.17.

London  
28.4.17. W. Alison

H.

Sgt AUST. PIONEERS.

*Herman Falls*  
H. J. FALLS. 2394.

Killed 14.11.15. Details D & B.

I knew Herman Falls well. He was killed about 7 a.m. on the date mentioned near Le Transloy. We were digging a communication sap up to the German trench we had captured. The Germans had four M.G.s in shell holes and they were playing on us while we were digging. Falls got a bullet through his head. He was buried about three yards away from where he was killed. I and another chap named Amersan buried him.

Reference: Pte. L. A. Gordon, 900.

No. 5 General, Boulogne. 3.5.17.

R.H.M.

*fm*

2nd Pioneers,  
A Coy.  
A. I. F.

Falls.  
N. J. 2394. ✓

*Norman John*

<sup>14</sup>  
"Killed 14.11.16."

I was with this man when he was killed at Flers on Nov. 14th 1916. An advance was being made, and he and I were digging a communication trench, when a sniper caught him. I saw him fall and lifted him up, but he only groaned and died almost instantly in the trench. He died about 8.15 or 8.30.a.m. I buried him myself on parapet. Fire was too heavy, we could not bring him in. Ground was held for two days only, it was then lost. He was 5 feet 9., well built, fair, 20 to 26 years, from New South Wales. He was transferred to Pioneers from 19th Battn.

Witness:-

R. Williams 2243.

A coy. 2nd Pioneers .

Perham Downs Camp.

A. R. McPhee.

London.

19.5.17.

M.

2nd Pioneers A.I.F.  
(late 19th Battalion)

FALLS H.J. (TM) 2394

*Hermon John*  
Killed in Action 14.11.16.

This man's name is Falls and his No. 2394, and his initials H.H., as is shown on an official Casualty List (produced)-- as handed to me by Colonel Annand in Rouen Hospital. This list shows Falls as Killed in Action on 14th November, 1916, at Le Sais. He was in my Company "A" and the only man of that name.

I do not know any details of his wounds. He was a very good reliable man.

Informant:-- Captain W. Taylor, M.C.  
2nd Pioneers, A. Co., A.I.F.  
No. 4 Australian General Hospital, RANDWICK.

A most careful reliable witness.

H.S.O.  
21.6.17.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

*M* *21/6/17*

2nd Pioneers.

*German John*  
FALLS, N.J.  
No. 2394

Killed in action 14/11/16

"Casualty was killed at Fleurs on the 14th November by bullet wound through the chest. I saw him die."

Informant:- G.H. Gordon,  
No. 2145, 2nd Pioneers.

Private address  
Hygan, N.S.W.

H.A.B.  
18/9/17.

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2nd Pioneers.

A.I.F.

late 19.85

~~killed in action 14.11.16~~

WALLS  
Norman John 2394.

No trace Germany

Cert. by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.

London.  
22.10.19.

H.