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1974 Driver
Robert Andrew Leckie

17th Battalion



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17th A.I.F.

Leckie. Pte. R.A. 1974.
D Coy.,

(K. Nov. 5/17.)
D/B.

"On the night of Nov. 5/17. at Ypres, Leckie was killed alongside of me - while on duck-board fatigue a party of 22; waiting orders; a shell dropped among us - killing Leckie and one other man, and one died of wounds. Next morning I found him, and helped to bury him, about 10 yards from where he fell. I sent his pay-book to H.Q. and his pocket wallet home to Riversleigh, Willoannia, N.S.W."

Eye-witness: Yes.

Description: About 27 years of age; stout;;dark, medium height.

Informant: Dvr. Arthur Stansbury. 1300.
17th A.I.F. D Coy., XVI Pl.,
1st London General Hospital.
Camberwell.

Home address: 37, Laurel Grove.
Penge.

7.3.18.
N. Caldwell.

17th Battn.
A.I.F.

LECKIE,
R.A. 1974

"Killed 6.11.17."

Was in C.Coy. He was killed by a whizz bang. It happened near a Pill box at Anzac Ridge. We were in supports at the time. It happened during the night, and we went out next morning and got his body. He was buried not far from where hit. Idid not see his grave, but saw them take his body away. I have now got his rifle etc. He was badly knocked about, and had a leg off.

Informant:- P.E.Torpy, 346
17th Batt.
Harefield.

W.G.J.

London.
11.3.18.

S.

17th Batt. A.I.F.

Leckie.R.A. Pte. NO.1974.
C.Coy.

Killed ~~Oct 6th~~ Nov 6th 1917. Det. D.B.

I saw him dead lying dead in the supports at Anzac Ridge. He was taken away shortly after by the batt pioneers and buried close to a Pill Box. I could not say if any cross was erected. I knew him in the coy. I could not say where he came from.

Description.

Witness. Cpl. Torpy.P.E. NO.346. A.Coy. 17th Batt.

Taken at
NO.3.C.D.Hurdcott.
16-3-18
S.W.

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NO.4.Command Depot
Hurdcott.

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2nd April 1918.

17th A.I.F.

Leckie R.A. 1974.

K. 6th Novr 1917. Det D/B.

I knew Pte Leckie of the 17th Battn D. Co. XV or XVI Pltn. M.Gunner. He came from Sydney in the 6th Reinforcement to the L.T.M.B. His people are squatters out from Hillston N.S.Wales, and he worked on his Father's station. I was with him when he was killed instantly by a shell while doing fatigue in support lines to the right of Passchendaele early in November 1917. I helped to bury him in the open and put a rough cross on it with his name and number. We held the ground. I could point out the spot. It is near a pill box and a big dug out.

Inf:- L/Cpl G.A. Chessells No.1944.
17th A.I.F. D.Co. XVI Pltn.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

RLH