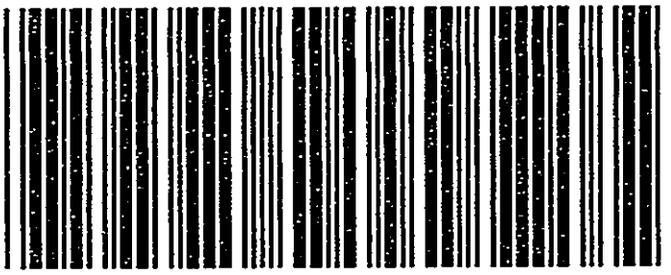
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7494 Private
Alexander Jack Gale

40th Battalion



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A. I. F. 40th Bn. GALE, A. J. 7494.

Killed March 28/18. Det.D/B.

We went over the top on March 28th at 4.0 o'clock in the afternoon. I was right alongside of him and saw him fall after we had gone about half a mile. He was quite dead. I was in the D/S when he was brought in and took a good deal of notice of him. There was no sign of a wound on him but there was blood coming from his nose and mouth. He had died from concussion. He was buried the day afterwards (Good Friday) in the afternoon, in the graveyard at Eley(?). The usual cross was erected. Gale was a little dark chap and had been transferred from the 12th to the 40th.

Reference: Pte.W.L.Mudge, 7518, C.Coy.

No.6 General, Rouen, 10.6.18.

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40th Battn.
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✓ GALE A.J. 7494
✓ Wright G.S. 7571
✓ Grubb Lt.W.E.K.

"Killed 28-3-18"

I saw Lt.Grubb killed instantly by a bullet through the forehead and out through the back of his head, at 6 p.m. on March 28th, during our attack in front of Morlancourt. I was about 3 yds. from him. He had been wounded about an hour before, but pluckily insisted on remaining with the boys, and carrying on. His body was taken back and I saw it put on a limber with those of Ptes. A.J.Gale, who had been killed by shock, and G.Carruthers, killed outright by shell, and J.Wright, killed by bullet, who had all been killed the same evening and were buried together, I believe in Heilly Cemetery. Lt.Grubb was the only Officer of the name in the Battn. He was dark, about 30, and 5'10". A very nice man.

Informant. Beams. Pte.J.R. R/4021
40th Battn. D.Coy. 14th Pltn.,
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A.G.Campbell
London
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40th Battn.
A.I.F.

SALE.
A.J. 7494.

"Killed 28-3-18"

He was of C.Company. In afternoon of 28th March about 4.30. at Heilly we w ent over to stop enemy offensive. Was killed outright by shell. I was 20 /30 yards away at the time. Buried at Heilly Cemetery. I have not seen the grave, but all men in this locality were taken out on stretchers and limbers next morning and buried in cemetery. Gale had just joined our Company previous to this.

Informant:- Pte.R.A.Wallace. 5783.
40th Battn. C.Company.
HAREFIELD.

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London.
18-7-18.
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