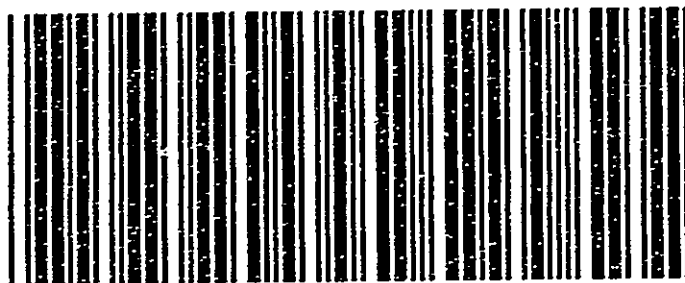


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2147 Private
Ernest Arthur Gibbs

1st Battalion



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GIBBS E.A. 2147.

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E.A. Gibbs was in A.IV with me. His number was 2147. He was clean shaven, inclined to be fair, about 5ft 9 or 10, about 25 and single. Just before we went over the top at Polygon Wood on the 3rd Oct a shell fell into our trench and killed Gibbs and I/Cpl. J. Peters. I was about ten yards off and saw this happen. It was just about dawn. I helped to bury them both just behind our trenches.

Inf: Cpl. A.M. Fyfe. 5313. A.IV.
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1st Battn.
A.I.F.

GIBBS,
E.A. 2147

"Killed 3.10.17."

Was in A.Coy, 4th Pltn, Lewis Gun Section. Called George. I saw him killed on Oct 4th at Passchendaele. Was badly blown about by shell, during the hop-over. We had just reached our first objective. We had to advance on, so I don't know if buried. Personally, I don't think it would be possible to bury him.

Informant- J.R. Murray, 7009 .
1st Battn.
Harefield.

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1st Battn. A.I.F.

GIBBS E.A. 2147.

"Killed 3.10.17."

He was killed outright with 3 other men a few yds. from me in a trench at Brookside Ridge at night after our attack on Oct. 4/17. Pte. "Bill" Smith (an original man) and one other, all of A. Co. IV Platoon, 1st Battn. A.I.F., on the spot, which was just behind our close support trench, and we put up a rough cross over each at the time. Gibbs was a man of about 5ft and 21, a Lewis Gunner in A. Co. IV Platoon. He was the only Gibbs in A. Co.

Inf. L/Cpl. G.F. Manning, 95594.

1st Battn. A.I.F.

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A.G. Campbell,

London,

26.7.18.

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Walker was about 21 years old, and tall. He was a Machine gunner on the morning 1917, at Broadwinds Ridge, we were behind the line close to the supports. A shell burst near us and killed him and four others outright. I helped to bury him on the spot. The graves were marked at the time. I collected his disc and effects and handed them to our officer, Captain Hostles.

INFORMANT: 1. Corporal G. F. Manning, 6594.

**G.M.B.R.
No. 1 Australian General
Hospital, RANSEICK.
23.11.18.**

SEYMOUR HUBBARD.

Private, A.I.F. 2147.

"KILLED" 3.10.17.

Informant described Gibbs as about 5'10" high, of dark complexion, aged about 25 years. I can't know where he came from. He was assigned to "A" Company, No. 4 Platoon.

His death occurred in action on the morning of the 3.10.17. They started work at 10 to 6 a.m. and had reached their first objective, and were digging in when he was killed by a shell.

He was a fine fellow, one of the best and well liked by his mates.

INFORMANT: Private J.R. Murray, 7009.
"A" Coy, 1st Battalion, A.I.F.

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