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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
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1937 Corporal  
Louis Ivan Foster

14th Battalion



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Foster Cpl. L.J. 1937,

(K. Apl. 7/17 Det D/B)

"I was in a dug-out near Bullecourt on April 7/17 close to Cpl. Foster when a shell hit the front of his dug-out and he was practically suffocated by a fall of soft earth. His body was recovered next day and buried quite near".

Eye-witness: No, quite dark at the time.

Description: Tall, thin, had rather red hair.

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FOSTER  
L.J. 1937 Cpl.

Killed 7/5/17.

I knew Foster well. He had been in Gallipoli, was wounded in Pozieres, blinded and just got back to the Front in time for the Easter Push. He rejoined us at Ribemart(?) in March. In April at Nouriel(?) in front of Bullecourt the ground was very soft and treacherous; he and a few others built a dugout near Company H.Q. and a shell burst near, the dug-out fell in and all were smothered, dead when taken out. A few days before I heard his Officer say to Foster "You don't look too well yet; a N.C.O. is wanted for school, you'd better go back for it." Foster refused saying "Give someone else the chance." We were in support at the time. Ground was held.

Eyewitness: yes.

Description: Tall, thin.

Informant: Wood, J. 3539 Pte.

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