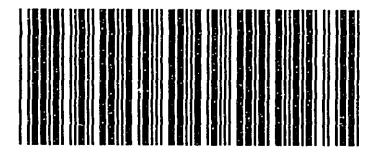
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3079 Sergeant Robert Samuel Foster

48th Battalion



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FOSTFR Sgt. R.S. 3079

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48th Battn.

Foster Sgt. R.S. 3079

"Killed Aug. 6th 1916"

I saw him blown to pieces by a shell at Pozieres in the trench, the first day, on Friday or Saturday 5th August, the shell landed right elongside him. He was fair, about 5ft.7ins high and medium huilt, might be anything between 26 and 50, was well liked by his platoon and officers. He belonged to C.Company.

Reference;- P.C.Constable, 2006
48th Battn, A.I.F., C.Company
Nard 43,
Harefield Hospt.
22-11-16.

Informant is a reliable man.

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Foster Sergt.R.S. 3079

"Milled Aug. 6th 1916"

I saw him hit by a shell and blown to pieces at Pozieres. He was going from a communication trench to the first line in the open - was going with Lieut. Dyke who was not hit.

He was about Sit. Sins, dark complexion, had been in the Hevy, was a nice fellow, well like:

Meference; - Corpor l. J.h.W.Lartin, 2667 hard 33, Harefield Hospt.

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He was a good witness.

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I know Foster; he was a Sgt. in C.XII. and was with me in a trench at Fosieros on Sat. night, 6th.Aug. He was four in advance of me going up the trench. This was just after dark and a shell came over and fell directly into the trench where Foster was. It knocked the man immediately in front of Foster right forward. If man's name was Matheson, of Ho.XII Platoon and it buried the man immediately behind Fester but we got this man out. Er. Dyke and I examined the spot but could find no trace of Fester and we came to the conclusion that he must have been blown to hits and buried. I have since heard unofficially that Mr. Dyke was subsequently killed but I think that Matheson is still with the Rm. Thore was only one Sgt, Foster in C.XII,

Reference: Sgt. Hoskin. 3058. C.IX.

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