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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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1834 Private
Darcy Halstead

1st Battalion



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HALSTED
D. 1834

Killed 19.9.17 Det. D/B

I saw Halstead shortly after he had been killed on Sept. 20th. We were in a trench near Ypres, Glencorse Wood was just in front of us when about 8 or 9 p.m. a shell came over and he got hit in the head, half his head was blown off and I think he was buried close to. He originally belonged to the 5th Light Trench Mortar Battery. He was in IX Platoon and his home was in New South Wales, I think Sydney. The ground was held.

Description:- Dark, clean shaven, aft. 6 in. "Darky"

Eye-witness:- Yes, Henry George, Pte. 1809

Informant:- Rees, Henry George, Pte. 1809
1st Bn. A.I.F.
Tooting Military Hospital.
8.12.17

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London
9.1.18

1st Bn.
A.I.F.

HALSTEAD
D. 1834

Killed 18.9.17. Det.

Menin Road - I saw him killed by shell at once while we were in the trenches, he was in my Co. and knew him well - Tall, thin - I don't know where buried - we left the trenches the night he was killed.

Informant:- A. Ryan, 7040
W. 36 Herefield.

B.P. Dickson.

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London.
28.1.18

1st Battn.
A.I.F.

HALSTEAD
D. 1834

K. Sept. 18th D & B

Was in C. Coy, 9th Platoon- called "Darky" - I saw him killed by shell at Glencorse Wood on Sept. 18th. We were holding the line at the time. He was hit in the head and killed instantly. He was buried near where hit. I did not see his grave, or know if a cross was put up.

Informant:- Rees. H.G. ^S 1889
1st Battn.

London
W.G.J.
28/1/18

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Havre

3rd February. 1918.

1st AUSTRALIANS

✓ HALSTEAD, D. 1834
✓ Cook, A.C. 1768

K. Sept. 18th. 1917. Det. D/B.

On Sept. 18th or 19th, the enemy commenced shelling the road when my Battn. were going into the Line, in single file, on the Menin Road, between 3-0 and 5-Op.m. I saw A.C. Cook, Halstead, Mc. Quinnan (how ~~spelt~~ spelt?), and others killed, and Hardy, Holland, and others, all of A.Co. wounded by a shell. I know nothing of their burial. Cook and Halstead came from North Sydney. Hardy has not rejoined since. He must be in England.

Informant: 1689 Pts. W. Farnell
A.Co., 1st A.I.F.
No. 2 Gen. Hos. Quai.
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HALSTEAD, D. 1834.

K. Sept 18th 1917. Dets D/B.

D. Halstead was in C.IX. and his number was something like 1834. He was a tall dark man, clean shaven and about 26 or 27. I don't know if he was married. I was in the same trench with him when a shell fell into it and I saw him killed. This occurred about the 18th Sept on the Zonnabeke front. I don't know where he was buried.

Inf: Pte E.R. Esgar. 1769. C.IX.

No. 1 C.C.

BOULOGNE. 12.4.18.

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1st Battalion, A.I.F.
Late 8 L.T. Battery.

HALSTEAD D.
P'te. No.1834.

"Killed in Action, 18/9/17".

Informant described Halstead as about 5'7" high, medium build, aged about 30.

Informant states that they both belonged to C. Company No.9 Platoon. On 18/9/17 the Battalion was about the Menin Road two days before Polygon Wood was attacked. They were holding the front line. Informant had been on outpost duty in "No Man's Land" and when returning at night saw Halstead in the trench. He had been killed by a shell. A good many had been killed in that particular spot there having been a heavy bombardment that day.

Informant added that Halstead was very popular with the crowd he went over with.

Informant:- Private A. Ryan, No.7040,
C. Company, 9th Platoon, 1st Battn.

Present Address:- "G" Ward, Georges Heights Military
Hospital.

Home Address:- C/- J.T. Innes, *West Street*.

WEST KOGARAH

W.E.G.
18. 4. 18.
No.21, Australian Auxiliary Hospital,
Georges Heights, Mosman.

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July
SYDNEY BUREAU.