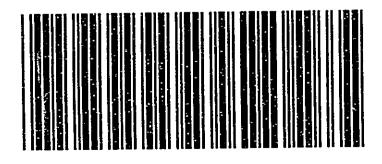
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I end Eccann were the two Scouts of D.Coy, and he went on a message on the 4th October to B.Coy, from which he never returned. He was buried at Hill 40 by a radre, and I was present at his funeral. His private property was taken by the O.C. burying party. I knew Eccann well, he came from Cocloardie, and was a Blacksmith. He was slight built, about 6 ft 1.

Inf:- Pto W.E.G.Dods No. 876. 4th A.I.D.D.Co. EV1 Fitn. Australian Eamp. Rouelles.

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"Killed 4-10-17"

I did not see the casualty, and I cannot refer to anyone for actual details, but I assisted to bury him on the field at place of casualty, which was at Hill 40, near Ypres. I marked his grave with a card, and spiece of wood, and I gave his personal effects to a Padre at Ypres. I did not know him personally, as I belonged to a different Battn. Judging by his condition when I found him, he must have been caught by pieces of shell which hit him about the leg and chest, and broke both arms, death apparently being instantaneous.

Informant, Lenman L/Cpl.W.T. 1033
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