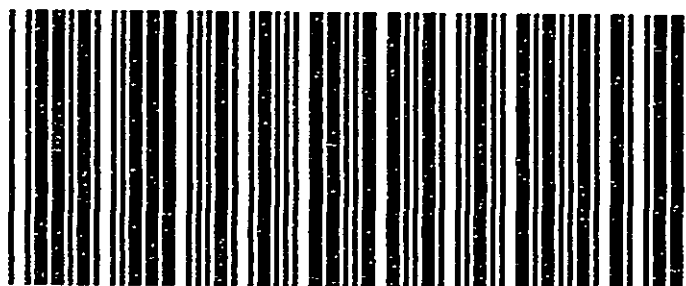


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**5924 Private
James Arthur Hudson**

20th Battalion



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29th Battalion A.I.F.

HUDSON Pte. J.A. 5924

Killed 18/9/17.

Informant described Hudson as about 5 ft. 4 inches high, medium build, aged about 30 years. He was a Barber at Barrandera or Hay.

Informant and Hudson both belonged to "A" Company, No. 3 Platoon. On 18/9/17, the Company in question was at Messines Ridge, going up to the line in supports. Whilst on the way, Informant saw Hudson struck by a piece of High Explosive shell, and killed instantly. Informant was only 3 or 4 yards away and was wounded by the same shell. Altogether the shell killed two, and wounded two soldiers. Informant was carried away on a stretcher, and could give me no further details, but he was quite certain that Hudson would receive decent burial, leaving regard to the place where he fell.

Informant said that Hudson was very popular in the Battalion, by reason of the fact that he acted as their barber.

Informant:-- Pte. H.J.W. Fuller, 5948,

20th Battalion, A. Co., No. 3 Ptn.

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20th Battalion, A.I.F.

HUDSON.

Private J.A. 5924.

"KILLED. 18.9.17."

Informant described Hudson as about 5 feet 3 inches high, rugged build, fair complexion, aged about 34. He was married, and thought to have been a Barber. He was previously wounded through the nose at Bullecourt. He left Australia with Informant, per "Ceramic" on 7.10.17.

Informant states that they both belonged to "A" Company. On 18.9.17 the Battalion was in the City of Ypres on fatigue duty. At about 11.30 a.m. Informant and Hudson were talking together out in the open away from the City, when a shell came over which wounded Informant and killed Hudson outright. He appeared to have been killed by concussion, as no marks could be seen on him. Informant subsequently heard that he had been buried where he fell.

Informant added that Hudson was a mate of his, and a good fellow. He was thought a lot of by his other mates.

INFORMANT:-- Private J.E. Buoknall, 5789,

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