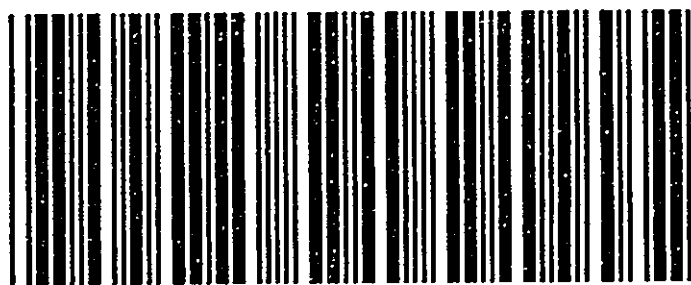


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2236 Corporal
Herbert Dean
O'Connell

60th Battalion



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A.I.F. 50th Btn(HQ)
nct 56th Btn
late 59th Btn

O'CONNELL
H.D. 2236

"D/Wds. 17-10-17"

Died of wounds 17-10-17
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 22-12-17.

London
15-2-18

M

60th Battn. late 59th Bn
A.I.F.

O'CONNELL.
H.D. 2236.

"Died of Wounds" 17-10-17.

Died of Wounds received in Action 17-10-17. France.

Buried Bellewarde Ridge Military Cemetery. Sheet 28.
Cert: by A.I.F.Hqrs 17-6-18.

London.
17-6-18.

M.

60th Battn., C. Coy., 10th Pltn.,
A.I.F.

O'CONNELL
H.D. 2236A

"Died of Wounds 17-10-17"

Isaw him wounded at Ypres. He was caught by shrapnel pellets, which hit him about the back and right side. We were out on a bombing raid at the time on the German front line. He was taken away to the dressing station near by, and was then quite conscious. I did not know him personally very well, he had been transferred to the 60th Battn. out of the 59th Battn., and was a Cpl. He used to be a bayonet instructor at Hurdcott, England. Refer to Lt. J. Anderson, C. Coy., 60th Battn., who is now in France, he saw him being carried out and may be able to give further details.

Informant. Bell L/Cpl. J. 3109
60th Battn., C. Coy., 10th Pltn.,
3rd A.A.H.,
DARTFORD.

W. Oman
London
2-4-18

M.

Note:-

Written Lt. Anderson 2-3-18

60th Battn.
A.I.F.
late 59th

O'CONNELL
H.D. 2236.

"Died of Wounds" 17-10-17.

Cpl. D. Wilson 1772, 60 Battn. now at A.I.B.D. Le Havre. France can give details at some C.C.S. which I cannot recollect,

O'Connell was wounded in front of Flint Farm in front of Zonnbeke by a shell which got him in the back, his leg being broken also by concussion.

Informant. Walker. Sgt. J. 1803.
60 C. Co.
Hut 10
WESTHAM.

W.A. Rand.
London.
14-5-18.

M.

Note written Wilson 13-5-18.

60th Battn.
A.I.F.

H.D.

O'CONNELL

2236.

"Died of Wounds" 17-10-17.

Re death of ^{Cpl} H.D. O'Connell, 60th Battn. Cpl O'Connell was a member of C. Coy, and in the front line trenches at Broodseinde Ridge (E. of Ypres) on the morning of the 17th October, 1917. He was severely wounded by a shell bursting in our trench. I was present when he was carried out of our position. We did all we could for him at the time.

I regret that I cannot at present obtain any definite particulars as to the place he was buried, but as he passed through our Battn Dressing Station, and in all probability he would be buried at a Cemetery near Ypres.

I am trying to obtain information, but owing to the unsettled state of affairs on the Northern section at present, I am afraid there will be some delay.

I must add that Cpl. O'Donnell's death was a severe shock to us all. He was immensely popular and a fine soldier.

Letter from:- O.S. J. H. Anderson Lt.
60th Battn.
A.I.F.

FRANCE.

London.

15-5-18.

M.

60th Batt:
late 59

O'Connell, H.D. 2236 A.

D/W. 17/10/17.

Lieut. Anderson, G. Coy, 60th Batt., could give information as to his burial etc.

60th Batt:

Atkin, J. Sgt. 5333.

12 A. Dartford. 8/6/18.

R.D.B.

R.D.B.

Note. J. Anderson written to 28.3.18

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60th A.I.F.

O'Connell H.D. 2236A

(D/N/ 17th Oct. 1917. Dets. D/B)

"Sergeant Fawcett, 59th A.I.F. buried O'Connell and took charge of all effects."

Eye witness:

Description:

Informant: Cpl. D. Wilson, 60th A.I.F.,
C Coy. 9 pltn.,
Southmead Hospital, Bristol.

H.W. Ward.
July 23rd 1918.

F. d.

William Fawcett
6.8.18

60th Battn.
A.I.F.

O'CONNELL
H.D.O. 2236

"Died of Wounds 17-10-17"

I am very sorry to say that there has been a mistake in the name as there are three J.Fawcett's in the 58th Battn., and I do not know the chap, Pte.H.D.O. Connill, of the 60th Battn.

Letter from:- Fawcett. J.,
A.Coy. 58th Battn.,
E.Coy.,
4th Command Depot,
10 Camp,
HURDCOTT.

London
14-10-18
D.W.B.

M.

A.I.E. 60.

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D/W. 1.10.18

O'CONNELL H.D. 2236A.

He was in C.Co. X Pl. and I have his name and number in my pocket-book (produced). He was transferred to us from the 59th. He got wounded about 5.30 a.m. on 17th. Sept. in our front line on the right of Zonnebeke, by shell, a piece of which entered his back and his leg was broken. I spoke to him just afterwards and sent him out on a stretcher. Word came to the Bn. that he died about 10 days later at a Clearing Station near Ypres. I have heard that he was buried there. He was about 5 ft.5, 34-35, very slim build.

PHR.

Reference: Sgt. J. Walker. 1803. C.I.
22 Gen. Hpl.

Etaples.
20.2.18.

M.

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J. ANDERSON

P. Coy 60 A. I. F.

B. S. T.

Count

2236

H. D. O'CONNELL

P. Coy 60 A. I. F.

B. S. T.

D. W. 17.10.57.

ew.
28.3.58.

Swett Sgt?

Sept.

Lab. 10 Bin

58

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Present address wanted

1st with 69th Bin. 10.8.17

10 4 Con. Dep. Hurdrott.

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File under

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P. L. H. D. O'Connell

60th Bin

Kin. 17.10.17



Report section

13.5-18

1772 Cpl. D. Wilson

60. A. P. 7.

Ans. by B. D.

Le Havre

France

About

2236. H. D. O'Connell.

60. A. P. 7.

late 59. A. P. 7.

D/W. 14-10-14.

Intnl.

13.5-18.

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Yo

Serjt. Fawcett
59th Battery
A. I. F.

About

~~2236~~ Pt H. J. O'Connell

60th Battery
A. I. F.

J/W

Oct 17. / 17

Written 6. 8. 18
In 1918.

Adm. Sec.
(Hawth)
B. 5. 18

2236

H. D. O'Connell

60th Baiter

D. of W. 17-10-17

Name

6/5/18

The Secretary

Aust. Rec. Cross Society

I must apologise
for delay in reply to your
inquiry of 28. 3. 18 re death
of noble H. D. O'CONNELL - 60 Bn.
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Sincerely Yours
J. H. Anderson Lt.

ack. P.C.
10.10.15.
D.W.B.

2236
H.D.G. Connell 6 Company
60 Bn 4 Command 10 Camp
D.O. 17.10.17
In. (ed) Hurdett
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My dear Dumbie

I am very sorry to say

that I have made a mistake
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J. Fawcett in the 6th Batt.

and I have sent him the map

P.O. HQ 6 Connell of the 60 Bn.

D.W.B.

J. Fawcett

off 6th Batt.