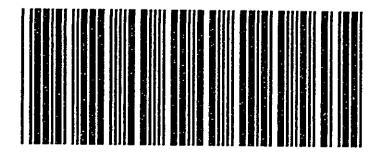
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782 Private Harvey Holt

36th Battalion



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A.I.F. 36th Btn

HOLT 782

mi. 12-10-17"

Killed in action 12-10-17 - previously reported Hissing Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 15-4-18

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HOTT H. Pte. 782 (Bignaller)

Missing 12, 10, 17.

On Octr 12th about 4.30 a.m. at Ypres, in the advance to Passonendaele along a railway embankment. Holt and 2 others and myself, all signallers, were walking along in single file, about lft. apart, I being last, and holt just in front of me when a shell burst beside us which wounded me: I saw the other 3 men fall, but I do not know if they were killed or not. I had to return. He could not be a Prisoner of War for we held the ground, and the Germans never came near it. I did not hear what became of them. There was continual terrible heavy shelling going on at the spot. I knew Holt in Australia.

Rys-witness:- Yes.

Informat: - English, G.A. 752,

Signaller, C.Co., 36th Bn. A.I.F.

Clapton Hospital,

Stratford-on-Avon,

Warwickshire.

Home address:- Australia

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Statement made by No.752 Pto English J.A. 36th Btn.

re Ec. 782 Fte Holt H. 36th Btn

12.10.17. I em to state whather he died as a resultoof same.

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Lated at Suction Veny, this 30th day of January 1918.

(9gd) J.L. Boglich

Statement made and signed before to

(Sgd) E. Dooley. Lieut and Adit.

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36 A.I.F.

H. Holt. 782.

H. Oct. 12/17.

"I saw Holt shot through the heart. He was sniped and died instantly at Passchendaele. He was buried near Ypres. It was during daylight."

Eyewitness: Yes.

Description.

Informant. Pte. C.J. Cadigan, 724.

Home address. 36 A.I.F.

No Eng. address. Clacton War Hospital, Middlesex.

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36 A.I.F.

Holt. Pts. H. 782.

(ii. Oct 12/17)

"I saw Fte. Holt killed. It was during an attack made by us on Passchendaele Ridge on the 12 Oct/17. He was shot through the head and died instantly. This was about 7 a.m. and fairly light. I do not know whether his body was recovared as we moved up to the attack."

Rye-witness: Yes.

Description: Age 25, height 5'6". clean shaven, fair, known as "young Holt".

Informant: Pte. L. Barfield. 713.

36 A.I.F. C Co., IX Pl.,

Hetherfield Rd., Aux: Hospital.

Liverpool.

Home address: 32, King St., 21.1.18. Sydney. N.S.W. Wm: Bootham.

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34th Datt. A.I.F.

Holt.H. Pts. No.782.

C.Coy .

Missing Oct 12th 1917.

I saw him killed by a bullet through the chest This happened shorbly after we hopped over at Passchendaele. I could not say if he was buried there was nothing done with his body at the time. I knew him in the coy. We were in camp together at Newcastle, N.S.W. His people reside in Sydney.

Description. Age. 27. Height. 5-8. Commlexion. pair. Medium Complexion.

Witness. Sgt. Hammond.B.P. NO. 789. C.Coy. 35th Batt.

Taken at 9th.T.B.Fovant. IS-5-18. F.G.H. S.Whitmee.

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Statement under by Ep. 724 Pte Cadigen C.J. 36th Bin.

re Mo.782 Pte Folt H. 35th Bta. Wissing 12.10.17.

On 12.10.17. I saw Private Polt H. about 120 pards south of Parschandacle village. He was lying in a shell hole with a would in the forehead and was dood.

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Dated at Sendbill this 29th day of Merch 1918.

(3GD) O.J. Cadigan.

Statement made and signed before me

(30D) W.O. Breugh. Captain. O.C. H.O.O. School.

HOLT, H. No.782.

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Informant described Holt as about 5 ft. 6 inches high, medium build, inclined to fair complexion, aged about 25. Christian name

Hervey.

Informant states that on or about 12/10/17 the Battalion was in action at Tpres. Informant was with the Battalion Transport back some distance, and did not see Holt's death. He was informed by one of the lads, however, that he had seen Holt hit by a bullet. He died almost at once, and as he died a smile came over his face. Informant heard other lade speaking about Holt's death while they were in a tetreat camp not far away.

Informant added that Holt was very well respected. They were

chums and Informent thought a lot of him.

Home address

Krambach

M. S. W

INFORMANT: Pte.R.P. ROY, No.2122. 36th Battalion,

No.4 Aust General Hospital.

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