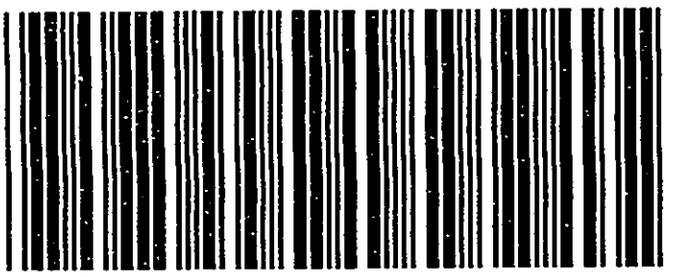
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2231 Private John Alexander Russell

59th Battalion



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59th Batt: Russell, J.A.2231.

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He was in my platoon and I saw a shell burst in front of me just where he was advancing and it must have blown him to pieces or buried him. There could not possibly have been any escape.

59th Batt: Brazil, F.E.Pte. 1984

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Statement made by No.1884 Pte Brazil F.E. 59th Btn.

re No.2231 Pte Russell J.A. 59th Btn.
Missing 26.9.17

No.2231 Private Russell J.A. belonged to the same section of No.1. platoon A.Company, 59th Battalion as myself. I,knewhim well. On the morning of the 26th September 1917 about a quarter to seven we were advancing to the attack. in Polygon Wood near Ypres. Belgium. Private Russell was with others about 20,yards in front of me. I had spoken to him a short time before. A large shell exploded right amongst them and upon searching we could find no trace, not even equipment of Private Russell or three other men.

Dated at Hurdcott this 11th day of January 1918.

(Sgd) F.E. Brazil

Statement made and signed before me

(Sgd) M. Readford 18th Batt
Captain

R.A.F. 59th Sqn

RUSSELL
J.A. 2931

"W. 26-9-17"

Killed in action 26-9-17 - previously reported Missing
Cert. by R.A.F. Hqrs 8-4-18

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