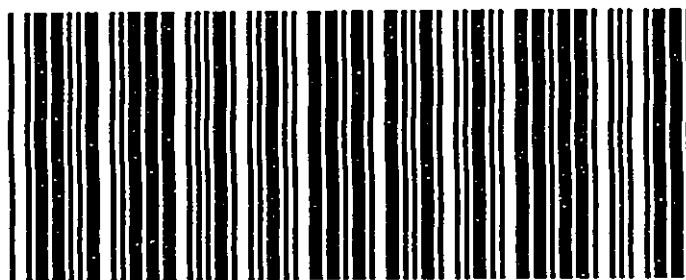


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Lieutenant
Walter Roadknight

37th Battalion



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A.I.F. 57th Battn.

ROADKNIGHT
W. Lieut

"WHEREABOUTS"

Died of wounds at 55th Casualty Clearing Station 11/8/18 Gun shot wound
chest
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs and Phone 18/9/18.

London
18/9/18.

P.I.

37th Battn
A.I.F.

ROADKNIGHT
Lt. W.

"Died of Wounds 11-8-18"

Written to Mother 13-8-18.

Memo from Chaplain for O.C.,
55th C.C.S. 5-10-18.

London
11-10-18

P.I.

J. A.

37th Battn.

Roadknight Lieut W.

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D/W Aug 9/18 Det D/B.

Lieutenant Roadknight was our platoon officer and was hit by Machine-Gun bullets near the heart. He lived till about 5 the next morning; he was conscious some of the time and was speaking to me on the stretcher. We were rushing outposts at Proyart on the main Amiens - St Quentin road at the time, and he was knocked about midday.

He was most popular officer and had a brother, also a lieut., killed at Ypres. I do not know for certain about his burial, but feel pretty sure he was buried near the old Dressing Station at Warfursee.

2917 Pte Wingate L. T. A coy.

Dartford, 9/10/18.

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37th Battn.
A.I.F.

ROADKNIGHT.
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"Died of Wounds 11-8-18"

He was of D. Company. On 11th August, in Evening, near Procyart beyond Warfusee. He was trying to take a machine gun post, that was holding up the advance. Was hit by machine gun bullet. Was taken out by S/B, but died before reaching D/S. I saw him when he was hit, and saw his body lying at Dressing Station. Was unconscious when I saw him first, had more than one wound. Would be buried in same ground as Lient Col Knight of 37th Battalion, although I have not seen his grave.

Informant: - A.J. Campbell. 1806.
37th Battn. A. Coy. I Pl.
ANZAC PUFFET.

A.L.G.
London.
21-10-18.
J.E.A.

P 1.

37th Battn.
A.I.F.

ROADKNIGHT.
W. Lieut.

"Died of Wounds 11-8-18"

I know that Lieut Roadknight (37.A.) fell in action, on August 11th near Prozer. He was shot through the neck and only lived a short time. He was taken to the A.I.F. where he died. I attended his funeral two days later. He was buried in a cemetery we made close to the German cemetery. The Chaplain, (Padre Geller) read the Service, and a cross was put up with the Battalion colours and all particulars. Later on, when we fell back, into reserves, on being relieved, I attended a Memorial service. We held the cemetery.

Eye-Witness:- He saw him lying at the D.S. and he attended his funeral.

Description:- Married, left Aust: with cur' own Battn. tall, fair, medium build.

Home address:-

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Bracliff.

Melbourne.

Informant:- Hamett, James. 38. Sgt.

(a very intelligent Sgt. quite reliable and accurate)

37th Battn. A.I.F. H.Q.

Sgt S.S. Hpl Conley Sect:

OXFORD.

P I.

Miss M. Rickard Cambridge.
London. 21-10-18. J.E.A.

J.E.A.

37th Battn.
A.I.F.

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ROADKNIGHT.
W. Lieut.

(Since writing this report, Sgt Hammett has heard from the front that - Padre Geller has been killed. He is very sad about it)

Havre.

23rd. October. 1918.

37th. Australians.

Roadnight, Lieut. W.

D/W. August. 11/1918. Dets. D/B.

My chum, Private. J. A. Murray, A. 3. is buried alongside Mr. Roadnight in the Cemetery at Hamel. I saw the Graves with Crosses on them. I was there in August 1918 and saw them.

Inf:- Private. C. James. 3327.
37th. Australians. A. 3.
Australian Conv. Camp.
Rouelles.

RDM.

CP.

A.I.F.
37th Battn.

Lieut. W. Roadknight.

"Died of Wounds 11/8/18."

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Informant:- Pte. A.J. Campbell, 1806
37th Battn. A. Coy,
1, Platoon,
Anzac Buffet.

A.D.G.
14/10/18.
London
1/11/18.
JEA . .

P.I

Battu 37

Road Knight
Lieut

D of W 11.8.18

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Died Wounds. 55 Casualty Clearing Station N.A. 18

Written to Mother 13.8.18

Message from Chaplain in D.C.

55 Casualty Clearing Station

5-10-18

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HOSPITAL Military. Herne-Bay R.

Fill in exactly as List

SURNAME. Barton	Christian Name. D. H.	Regtl.No. R. 689 P.
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GIVEN

SURNAME Barron	Christian Name. John Thomas	Regtl.No. R. 405 Su
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NOTE. In all cases state fully what informant says he saw or heard and give DATE AND PLACE of occurrence.

STATEMENT OF

I last saw Private Barton (to be taken in) on 11. We were in action at the time. We were wounded badly and died before which I think was a good dis. Seen or heard of him afterwards

PLEASE ALSO ANSWER

1. Was Informant Eye-Witness? Informant was eye-witness
2. If not, of the
3. Was the ground held or lost? Ground was held
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5. Did Informant know Christian Name, Initials or No. of man enquired about? Knew number
6. Was the name
7. Give Informant's description of man enquired about—any nickname, marks, scars, etc. 5 ft 8-9. dark, no sc
8. Searcher's opinion of Informant's accuracy and intelligence Informant is intelligent most reliable.

Reports should always be written very clearly in ink, or typewritten.



Overseas Training Brigade,
Sandhill Camp,
Longbridge Deverill,
near Watlington.

15/9/18

Dear Sir,

Could you
please give me any
information concerning
the whereabouts of Left
W. Broadbent, 3rd
Bn A.I.F. Bellevue
& now in England.

Thank you so much for
information regarding Pt. & Co.
Masters, 3rd Bn also Pt
L. E. Gifford Co. Bn.

received

xSlip

Yours sincerely

3487. Pt. Larrison

Q M. Store
Sandhill ^{St. 1. Btu} camp

A. J. B.

Long Bridge

Severn

Watts

19. 9. 18

O. C's Draft.

O.C.

— 55th Casualty Clearing Station
B.E.F.

about

across to Road Right

37th Bn
A.I.F.

D. of W. 11. 8. 18.

HOSPITAL 3rd Southern General, Radcliffe Infirmary

Fill in exactly as List.	SURNAME.	Christian Name.	Regtl.No.	Ra
	Worthington	G.H	7832	

SURNAME	Christian Name.	Regtl.No.	Ra
Tulloch	Robert Andrew	7848	10

NOTE. If cases state fully what informant says he saw or heard and give DATE AND PLACE of occurrence.

STATEMENT OF (to be taken in)

"I believe that PC Worthington (15.C.XI) an attack on July 4th, at Flannel were in Peas trench at the time I know he was buried close to not seen his grave."

"If the Red Cross wrote to his mother to give more particulars. PC Worthington was really a hope soon after the advance started at

PLEASE ALSO ANSWER

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8. Searcher's opinion of Informant's accuracy and intelligence	quite intelligent	

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O. T. B.
 24/10/18. Sandhill
 Dear Sir. Wills.
 Have you
 any further information
 with ref to. Lt. W.
 Roadnight 38. Btr
 x Lt. W. Clavidge 8. Btr
 x 2362. Lt. J. E. Masters
 34. or 38. Btr x 2939. Lt.
 J. W. E. Mitton 19. Btr
 Btr. & Capt. Seely, 60.
 Btr. & Capt. Coulter
 35. Btr.
 x Ships -

any information
 concerning the
 enclosed will
 greatly oblige

34/84

Rt. Ensign

G. M. Store

N. 15. Camp Btr.

J. E. Sandhill

Long Bridge

Severall

Wills

To Secretary
Austrian Bureau
Red. Cross Eng^{land}
Bureau. 36
Grosvenor Place
Victoria
S.W. 1.
London.

Sept. 20th, 1918.

3487 Pte. Dennison.
1st Bttn. A.I.F.
Quarter Masters Store.
Sandhill Camp.
Longbridge Davenhill.
WANTS.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your enquiry of 15-9-18 for - Lieut.

W. ROADENIGHT, 37th Battalion. A.I.F. We very much regret
to inform you that he died of gun shot wounds of the chest
at the 55th Casualty Clearing Station. B.E.F. on 11-8-18.

We have written to the O.C. of the hospital for details
of his death and burial and as soon as we receive a reply
we will advise you.

Regretting the distressing nature of this news.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Deakin

Secretary.

J.N.S.

November 14th, 1918.

3487 Pte. Dennison.
Quartermaster Store.
1st Bttn. A.I.F.
Sandhill Camp.
Longbridge Deverill.
WILTS.

Dear Sir.

In reference to your enquiry for Lieut. W. ROADKNIGHT 37th Battalion. A.I.F. We beg to inform you that we have received an unofficial report from 1806 Pte. A.J. Campbell of the same unit. He stated that during the evening of August 11th near Troyart beyond Warusee Lt. Roadknight tried to take a machine gun post that was holding up the advance when he was badly wounded by machine gun bullets. He was taken unconscious by the stretcher bearers to the dressing station but died on the way. Pte. Campbell stated that Lt. Roadknight he believed would be buried in the same ground as Lt. Colonel Knight of the same unit, but he had not seen the graves.

3327 Pte. C. James of the same unit stated that he saw Lt. Roadknight's grave in the cemetery at Hamel in August 1918. We are now closing our enquiries as we feel we are unlikely to obtain further particulars, should we however do so we will at once advise you.

With sincere sympathy in the loss of your friend.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) *V. W. P.*

SECRETARY.