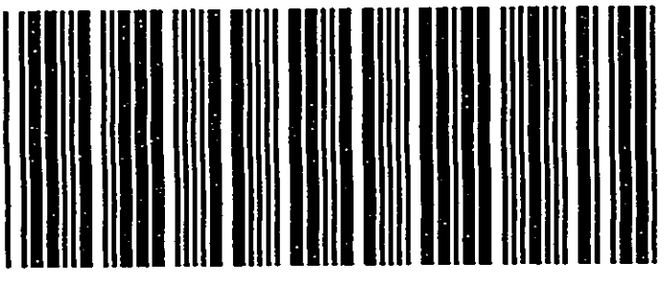
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3899 Sergeant
Joseph White Ross

4th Light Trench Mortar Battery



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14th June 1918.

4th Aust. L.T.M. Ross J.N. No. 3899.

K. 26th March 1918. Det D/B.

This man was a Sergeant. I knew him well, he acme from Sydney, and I think he worked in a Brewery. On the 26th March we were at Hebuterne and had just gone in to relieve. At night he was hit by a sniper in the head and killed outright. He was buried in the open just off the main road to Harbuterne and marked with a cross.

Inf:- Pte F.A.Dale No. 5671.
L.T.M. 4. Aust.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

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C.W.S.G.

4th Battery.L.T.M. ROSS.
A.I.F. J.W. 3899.

"Killed in Action" 26-3-18.

At Hebeterne about 26th March- we were put in close in a break in the line. We were advancing at the time. He was a bit in front of the rest of the men. Hit through head by sniper's bullet- died instantly.

Was Sergt to Battery, He was buried about 100 yards on South side of Civil Cemetery at Hebeterne - rifle and tin helmet placed on grave. Before we left locality, cross was erected. Came from Sydney and a good soldier.

Informant:- Sgt.J.A.Tibbs.223.
E.T.M. 4th Battery.
WEYMOUTH.

A.D.G.
London.
21-6-18.

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4 A.L.T.M.B. Ross I.W. 3899

(K. March 26/18.) Det. D/b.

Ross was killed in Hebuterne Village at 11.30 p.m. on March 26/18. by a German sniper. He was shot through the head and died instantly. He was buried the next day by our own Battery mates near the Cemetery at Hebuterne and the grave is marked by a wooden cross.

Eye Witness: I was at the funeral.

Description: Fair, 5ft. 11 in height.

Informant: Pte. I. W. Lee 1869
4 A.L.T.M.B.
St. Marks Hospital
Brighton.

Home address:
15 Seymour Street
Hull.

24.6.18.
A.Clapton Gosling.

4th Bde. A.I.F.
L.T.M.B.

Ross.Sgt. J.W. 3899.

(K. Mar.26.)
Dets. D/B.

"Sgt. Ross was buried in the churchyard, in the village of Heberton, between Albert and Arras, by his comrades in the Batt. I have seen his grave, which is marked by a cross with his name on it. He was shot, I believe, through the head by a sniper, while leading the guns into action. This was in full sight of the others, but I did not see it personally, being on leave at the time."

Eyewitness: No, Can't remember.

Description: Ross was a tall fair man, with freckled arms, "Joe".

Informant: Pte. A.F. Moore. 4846.
4th Bde. A.I.F. T.M.B.
Bath War Hospital,

Home address:
Mrs.L.E.Moore, c/o. C.Toogood,
Burwood Rd, Burwood. Sydney. N.S.Wales.

15.7.18.
F.J.Kingsley.

4th Australian L.T.M. Ross, J.W. 3899,

(K. March 26/18. Dets: D & B)

"I knew Ross who was killed at Hebuterne and buried on the spot with others. I have seen his cross which is on the outskirts of the village and about where our old front line ran."

Eye-witness:

Description:

Informant: L/Cpl Walter Storey, 6810,
4th Aust. L.T.M.,
Beaufort Hospital, Ward 5a,
Bristol.

22nd July 1918.
W. Bernard Tonkin.