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6874 Private Richard Henry Thomas Scudds (Richard Harry Scudds)

3rd Battalion



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A.I.F. 3rd Btn

SCUDDS
R.H. 6784

"D/Wds 4-10-17"

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Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 9-11-17

D/Wounds recd. in action 4-10-17 - 10th C.C.Stn
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A. I. F. 3. SCUDDS, R.H. 0784.

D/W. October 4th, 1917.

On the morning of October 4th, 1917, I saw Pte Scudds lying wounded close to a pill box near Passchendaele. He was conscious and was bleeding from the mouth. He seemed to be wounded in the left side. Shortly after seeing him and about 20 yards from where he lay I saw a 2nd Battn S/B who enquired of me if any of our men were near by. I told him about Scudds and he went to him taking two Germans that I had in custody to carry Scudds out. I knew Scudds personally.

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(Signed) H.V.Messner. 7044. D.Coy.

Cert. by Adj. 3rd Battn. Hallingham.

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28.11.17.

A.I.F. #2 3. SCUDDS. R.H. 6784.

D/W. Oct.4th 1917.

I knew him his number is about that he was in B. D.XIV. His name was Reg and I believe he came from Waverley Sydney. He was a grocer. I was told about a month later by Pte. Messner of D.XIII that as he was making his way wounded to a D/S. he saw Scudds at about 3.30 p.m. lying wounded between our old lines and the new line just taken and that he, Messner, had sent some 4th Battn S/B.s to him. It is news to me that he had died.

Inf: Pte.F.McC be. 6806. D.XIV.
No.3, Gen.Gen.Hosp.
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Message written

A.I.F. 3. SCUDDS, R.H. 6784.

D/W Oct 4th 1917. Dets D/B.

R.H.Scudd was in D.XIV. I believe his name was Reginald. I did not know his number. Before the war I believe he was a grocer at Wawerley a suburb of Sydney. He was a short dark man, clean shaven and about 24. Pte Messner of D.XIII who knew Scudds told me that on his way to the D/S he saw Scudds lying wounded and he sent the 4th Battn S/Bs to him. Messner said that Scudds was badly wounded. I heard afterwards that Scudds had D/W. I never heard where he was buried.

Ref: Pte F.L.McCabe. 6806. 3.D.XIV.
No. 3 Can Gen Hosp.
BOULOGNE. 31.12.17.

Report from Pte McCabe AGL

3rd Battn.
D.Coy.
A.I.F.

Scudds.
R.H. 6784

"Died of Wounds 4.10.17"

I did not see the casualty but I saw him at the dressing station at Anzac Ridge, soon after it happened. He had been caught by shrapnel, which wounded him about the body. He was in a very low(?) condition when I saw him, but was conscious and recognised me. I shook hands with him and tried to cheer him up as much as I could, but it did not seem to make much impression. He was wounded in an attack about 6 or 7 in the morning, and it was then about 10'clock when I saw him. I knew him well, he was a batman to one of the officers. I heard he died the same day, but cannot give any details and cannot refer to anyone.

Witness:- Pte.W.J.Hartman 3091
3rd Battn. D.Coy. 15th Pltn.
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25.1.18.

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