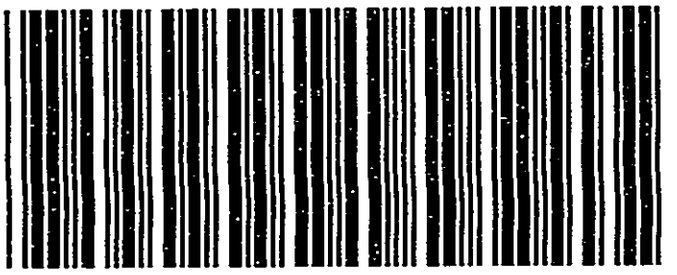
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2880 Private
William Scull

40th Battalion



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A.I.F. 40th Btn

SCULL
Wm. 2880

"DIED"

Died of wounds 47th C.C.S. 14-7-18
¼ Cert. by Hpl Index

S.W.Penis, right thigh, & right ankle, fractured femur.
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 13-8-18.

H

London
14-8-18

A.I.F. 40th Btn ?

SCULL
Wm. 2880

"ILL WHEREABOUTS"

Adm Park House H.Hpl 2-4-17 - discharged to Depot 8-5-17
Cert. by Hpl Index

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London
9-2-18

A.I.F. 40th Btn SCULL
Wm. 2880

"ILL"

Adm. Park House M.HHpl 2-4-17 - discharged to depot 8-5-17
Cert. by Hpl Index

Wded 14-12-17 No further report
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 11-2-18

Rejoined 16-12-17 ex Hpl - wounded
Cert. by Rouen letter 16-2-18.

H.

London
18-2-18

40th Battn.
A.I.F.

SCULL
William 2880

"Died of Wounds 14-7-18"

Re 2880 Wm.Scull, 40th Battn. Admitted to Hpl. and died 14-7-18. - Shell wounds right ankle, right thigh, involving fractured femur. He was buried by me at British Cemetery Crouy, near Amiens - map reference 62 E. D. 19. c.2.6.

Letter from:- alfred Harris
The Chaplain C/E
att. 47th C.C.S.,
21-8-18

London
2-9-18
J.E.A.

H,

Havre. 10th. September. 1918.

40th. Australians. Scull, W. 2880.

D/W. July. 14/1918. Dets. D/B.

I knew him from being in the same Platoon; I saw him only half an hour before he was hit. He was about 5 feet 9, thin, & clean-shaven. He used to play g football a bit. He used to work at a Brewery in Hobart, Tasmania. He was a S/Bearer. We were in the line together at Hamel. He was in No. 5. Platoon & was going over into another line to join the 6th. Platoon when a shell came over & wounded him in the right & left groin and also in the legs. Four Officers were going to Platoon, 6, ~~xxx~~ with him at the time & they carried him back to the R.A.P. & he died on the way down The name of one of the Officers who helped to carry him down was Captain Paine, 40th. Battalion, & could give more information. I don't know where he was buried.

Inf:- Private. Airey. 3609.
40th. Australians. B. 5.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

LAHI. CP.

40th Bttn.
A.I.F.

SCULL.
W. 2880.

"Died of Wounds 14-7-18."

He was in my Platoon (B.Coy.V Pltn) and was sent out with stretcher bearers near Hamel at night in July 1918, by Sgt. Warner (40th Bttn B.Co.V.Pltn) who is in possession of all the details and I believe saw him brought in after he had been hit by a shell. I have seen his grave which is with 5 or 6 others about 700 yards west of Hamel. There are two big white crosses over the graves. He was the only Scull in B.Coy, and as far as I know in the Battalion.

Description:- A man of medium height and colouring.

Informant - Lieut. R.C. Walters.
40th Battn. B.Co.V.Pltn.
A.I.F.
3rd London. General Hospital.
Wandsworth.

A.C.Campbell.
London.
12-9-18.

H.

SA

Havre. 13th. September. 1918.

40th. Australians. Scull, W. 2880.

K. July. 14/1918. Dets. D/B.

I saw him killed at Hamel by a shell. He was taken out & was buried but I cannot say where. He came from Tasmania.

Inf:- L/Corporal. J. Imlach. 423.
40th. Australians B. 8.7.
Australian Conv. Camp.
Rouelles.

ORR.

CP.

A. I. F. 40th Bn. SCULL, W. 2880.

D/W. July 14/18. Det.D/B.

Scull was in B.Coy. V Plat. On the night we went into the trenches from Hamel he was left behind and could not find his way, so Major Payne who was coming up brought him along. A passing whizz-bang hit him in the stomach and killed him. He was carried to Hospital and died. The boys came to me as Plat. Corpl. and told me. He is buried in the Brigade Cemetery. I knew him personally at home, so I made certain of the facts about his death and have written to his people. He was a little dark chap about 24, and drove a cart at Hobart, Tasmania.

Reference: Corpl.Thompson, 1034,

No.6 General, Rouen, 14.9.18.

D.M.

H.

40th Battn.
A.I.F.

SCULL.
W. 2880.

"Died of Wounds 14-6-18"

I heard that S/B.W.Scull. (40.B.V) was coming up to the line with a party to change over in front of Corbie, in July, when a whizz bang landed in front of him, and he was badly wounded in the hip and thigh and was taken to the R.A.P. I think he lived about 3 or 4 days. His mate Pte.V.J.Ransley. (40.B.V) S/B was I believe with him when he was hit, and could probably give more particulars. The ground was held then.

Eye-Witness:- Nil

Description:- Hobart - Tasmania. single I believe, "Scully".
Home address:-
Liverppol Street.
Hobart. Informant:- Warner.Roy.3254,Sgt.
Tasmanian intelligent Sergeant)
40th Battalion.A.I.F. B.V.
Hilda.M.Pickard-Cambridge. 3rd S.G.H. OXFORD.
London.
16-9-18.
J.E.A. H.
Note:- Written Ransley. 16-9-18.

40th Battn.
A.I.F.

SCULL.
W. 2880.

"Died of Wounds 14-7-18"

He was of B.Company. Was S/B at time. On 13th July about 11 o'clock at night, at Hamel. We were changing our Sector Scull was just leaving H.Q. with 2 other S/Bs and Major Payne and another officer. Was hit by shell in abdomen and legs, badly wounded. I saw him after on stretcher, was unconscious, O.C.of. Company told me next day of his death. He died on 14th July. Know nothing of burial. I knew him well, came from Tasmanis.

Informant:- Pte.A.Edgerton. 1028.
40th Battn. B.Coy.V Pl.
HAREFIELD.

A.D.G.
London.
21-9-18
S.A. H.

40th Battn.
A.I.F.

SCULL
Pte.William 2880

"Died of Wounds 14-7-18"

Re 2880 Pte.W.Scull. All I can tell you is that he is buried in a soldiers Cemetery. He died at the 47th C.C.S., and that is where he is buried as far as I can find out. He was my mate as a S/B. He was a medium sized man, and dark. That is his correct number and name you have. I would have written to his mother before, but I didnt know her address. I would be only too pleased to write to her, *if you could send me her address*

Letter from:- Ransley. V.S. 7793
B.Coy. 40th Battn.,
FRANCE. 22-9-18.

Home address:-
Mother:-
Mrs.Ransley,
Claremont,
Tasmania, AUSTRALIA.

London
10-10-18

H.

Vcs Draft 15-8-18

The O. C.

47½ Cas: Cly: Shi

B. E. 7.

2880 William Scull. 40½ Bhi

Awds 14-7-18.

To
Pte V. J. Bamsley
or
Bamsley
S/B.
V Platoon B. Co
40 Battn
A.I.F

about
2880 Pte W. Scull
40 Battn
A.I.F

D/D July 14/18
Issued 16.9.18

ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO BE ADDRESSED TO
"THE SECRETARY,"
WOUNDED AND MISSING
— ENQUIRY BUREAU —
AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

Tel.: VICTORIA 8576 6577 8578

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

36, GROSVENOR PLACE
(NEAR VICTORIA STATION),
LONDON, S.W 1.

October 10th, 1918.

Dear Sir,

We thank you very much for your reply to our enquiry about your comrade 2080 Private W Scull, 40th Battalion, A.I.F.

The information you have sent us will be of much assistance to us, and of value to our enquirers.

We ~~expect~~ suggest that, on account of an agreement with the Military Authorities we are unable to give you the address of this soldier's next of kin, but if you wish to write and address it:-

To the next of kin of
2080 Pte. W. Scull, 40th Battn. A.I.F.
c/o Wounded & Missing, Enquiry Bureau,
Australian Branch, B.R.C.S.
115 Macquarie Street,
Hobart. (To be forwarded)

The Secretary will be pleased to forward your letter.

With best wishes,

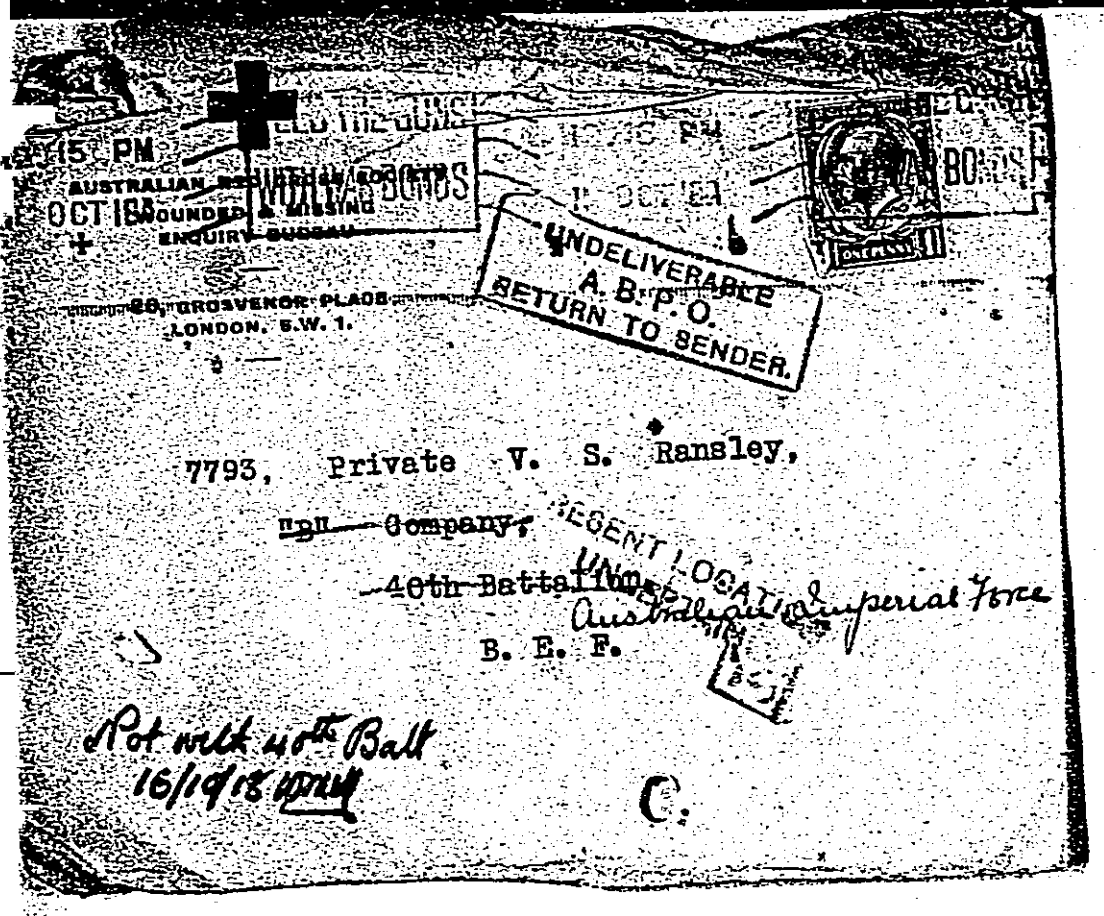
Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Deakin

Secretary.

per. W.W.B

7795 Pte. V.S.Ransley,
"B" Company,
40th Battalion.
B.E.F.



7793, Private V. S. Ransley,

~~D~~ Company,

~~40th Battalion~~ AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

B. E. F.

Not with 40th Batt
16/10/18 WDH

C.

Tel.: VICTORIA {8576 8577 8578

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36. GROSVENOR PLACE.

LONDON S.W. 1.

15-8-18.

The O.C.
47th Casualty Clearing Station
B.E.F.

Capt. Hurst

2880 William Scull 40th Bn A.I.F.

Dear Sir,

We have been asked by the relatives in Australia to obtain the fullest details possible of the wounds, death and burial of the above, who died in your Hospital on 14-7-18. and would greatly appreciate any information that you may send us.

As we have been informed by various C.O.'s and Adjutants that the receipt of notes of thanks only causes them unnecessary inconvenience, unless you ask us to acknowledge your reply to the above we will not do so, and trust that you will understand that we appreciate it none the less.

With apologies for troubling you,

Yours faithfully,

P.O.

(Miss) Vera Deakin

Secretary.
(Lady)

2886
William Scull
40 Battn
D of W 14.7.18

Shell wounds right ankle & right thigh 2

involving fractured femur

Admitted to Hospital & died 14.7.18

Buried by me at British Cemetery

CROUY near Amiens (Chart Reference

(62E. D 19, c.2.6.)

C/F

Alfred Hann

Chaplain C/E

47TH CASUALTY CLEARING STATION

Date 21 Jul 18

attd 47 CCS

2860
Pte William Secull
4th Bn.
DOW. 14.7.16.

Ack 8.10.d

France
Aug 2nd 1916

Dear Miss Deakin,

I have just received a letter from you asking me particulars concerning 12850 Pte W. Secull, well all that I can tell you is that he is buried in the Baldiso Cemetery which is situated at the 47th L.C.S. & that is where he is buried as far as I can find out. He was one mate as a Private Beard. He is a Protestant R.C. as I don't explain very much more about him, that is his Correct Number & name that you have. Enclosed a written by his Platoon Officer but I think I can send you the letter you could send me her address I shall only be too pleased to write to her.

Yours Sincerely
No 7795 E.S. Ransley
B Co 16th Battn

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(Miss)

Secretary.

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40th Battalion.
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