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1772 Corporal
Arthur James Shaw

24th Battalion



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Havre

15th October.1917.

24th AUSTRALIANS

SHAW, Cpl. A.J. 1772

K. Feb. 5th.1917. Det. D/B.

I knew him. I do not know his initials or number, or anything about him except that he was a Corpl., and there was no other Corpl. of that name in the Company. He was killed at the Butte de Warlencourt about 5th February, 1917. when we were relieving another Battalion, by a sniper. I was in Company H.Q., and I saw his cross made for him. I did not see the grave, but think it must have been near Hexam Road, facing the Butte de 331 Warlencourt.

Informant: Serge. Frankel, S. 2027
24th Australians, B.Co., V. Pltn.
Australian Camp, Nouelles.

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24th A.I.F.

Shaw. Cpl. A.J. 1772.

K. Feb 5/17 Det D/B

"On Feb 5th 1917 at Le Sars, behind Papaume at night, moonlight night in the trenches, Cpl. Shaw was shot through the head by a sniper and killed at once. I was not an eye-witness as I was with Headquarters at the time; but I saw his body when it was brought back to be buried and I saw him buried. He was buried at Le Sars where our men were buried and a cross was put up over his grave. I was told of his death by Pte Hanlan of B.Co. 24th A.I.F. VIII Platoon, who brought Shaw's body back out of the trench. He (Hanlan) was wounded later and is somewhere in England. Cpl. Shaw was with VIII Plat. Jack was his Christian name."

Eye-witness:- Saw dead body, told by Pte. Hanlan B.Co.
24th A.I.F. VIII Plat. told of Shaw's death

Description:- 5ft 9". 30 years, fair complexion and fair hair, moustache.

Informant:- Pte. Henry F. Degering, 5570,
24th A.I.F. B.Co. VIII Pltn.
3rd London Gen.Hos. Wandsworth.

Home address:-

15 Oct 17 Mus.Mil.Offices.
E.Liddell.

Written by Hanlan
22-10-17

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SHAW. Cpl. A.J. 1772.

K. Feb. 5/17.

I do not know how Shaw was killed, but I have seen his grave in the Cemetery at Armentieres. There is a cross over it with his name & number. He is buried next to a friend of mine Pte W Hannah, whose grave I went to see, & it was then that I noticed Shaw's name on the next grave. I did not know him myself, & I can give no details about him.

Informant; Pte F.O. Weekes 504.A. A.Coy. 42.A.I.F
2nd Army Rest Camp.
BOULOGNE. 8-7-17.

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42nd A.I.F.

Shaw Cpl. A.J. 1772,

(K. Feb. 5/17 Det D/E)

"Cpl. Shaw was killed at Armentieres. I brought his body from the front to Fickstack Farm Mortuary and from there it was taken to the City Bon Jeanne Cemetery, Armentieres".

Eye-witness:

Description:

Informant: Sgt. J. Kearney 149,
42nd A.I.F., H.Q. Coy.,
King George Hospt.,
Stamford St.

Oct. 15/17,
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24th A.I.F.

Shaw. Cpl. A.J. 1772.

(K. Feb: 5/17)
Det D/B.

"I was informed by several of the men that Cpl. Shaw was killed in February 1917 at a place near the Butte. I personally have seen the cross erected over his grave near the Butte. I cannot state further details."

Eye-witness: No - see above.

Description: Nothing particular.

Informant: Pte. Harry Wyatt Gill. 4112.
24th A.I.F. B Co: VIII Plat:
Edmonton Hospital. Mary West No.2.

Home address: 246, Barkley Street,
Fitzroy. Australia.

Oct. 18/1917.
Lydia I. Exeter.

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22nd Oct. 1917.

24th AUSTRALIANS

SHAW, Opl. A.J. 1778

K. 5.2.17: Det. D/B.

I knew him well. He was in B Co. I do not know his initials or number. He was a farmer, but I don't remember where he came from. He was very tall, and about 38. He was sniped through the head at Wancourt just before we evacuated in Feb. 1917, and was buried near the Rette de Werlencourt in a shell hole. I saw the grave with the name on the cross.

Informant: Pte. R. Schofield, 4525
24th AUSTRALIANS, H.Q.,
Bayre Hospital.

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SHAW, Cpl. A.J.1772.

K. February 5th, 1917.

He was in B.Coy and was killed by a sniper when going into our line in front of the Butte of Warlinecourt on February 5th at night (9 or 10 p.m). Snow on the ground. I did not see it happen but got information from those who did. Cpl. Goodfellow was right next him when he was killed. Goodfellow is now up line with B.Coy and he told me about it. I have seen Shaw's grave at Hexham Road within 400 yards of the Butte. Not in a cemetery. A cross is erected with his name and that of Pte Warren who was killed same night and buried with him.

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Reference:- 2/Lt. Olver. A.Coy.
L.Gun School.

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25th Oct. 1917.

24th AUSTRALIANS

SHAW, Cpl. A.J. 1772

K. 5.2.17. Det. D/B.

I did not know him, but he was in my company, and I saw his grave in front of the Butte de Warlencourt some time in Feb. 1917. It had his name on the cross.

Informant: Ste. V. Connell, 5562
24th Australians, B Co., 7th Pltn.,
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

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25th Oct. 1917.

24th AUSTRALIANS

SHAW, Cpl. A.J. 1772 ✓

X. 3.2.17. Det. D/B.

I knew him well. He was in my platoon. We knew him as "Jim", and the number is about that stated. He was tall and had a moustache, and about 32. We were holding the line in the Butte de Warlencourt sometime in Feb. 1917, and Shaw was sniped through the head. He was buried by stretcher bearer W. Lee, of B Co., 8th Pltn. near the Butte. I did not see the grave, but was told so by the above stretcher bearer.

Informant: Pte. J. Heatley, 4800
24th Australians, B Co., 8th Pltn.,
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

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29th Oct. 1917.

24th AUSTRALIANS

SHAW, A.J. Cpl. 1772

X. 5.2.17. Det. D/B.

I knew him well. He was in B Co., (8th Pltn.?). His number was about as stated. He came from Wangaratta District, and worked on a farm. I saw him killed at the Butte de Warlencourt in Feb. 1917. The Stretcher Bearers took the body down to the Military Cemetery near H.Q. and a good cross was made for his grave.

Informant: Pte. T. Sutton, 3632
24th Australians, B Co., 5th Pltn.,
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

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SHAW, Cpl.A.J. 1772.

K. Feb 5th 1917. Dets D/B.

He was killed by a M.G. bullet just after we had relieved the post above the sunken road at Warlencourt between 8 and 9 at night. It was a clear moonlight night with snow on the ground. He had got into the post and raised his head to observe when he was struck in the head and just sank down and died instantly without speaking. He was buried in the open behind the sunken road at Warlencourt, and his grave is marked. He was my friend and had only just come back from English leave. He has a sister working at the big store Prahan, Victoria in the tailoring department.

Inf: CSM C.E.Houston, 2378. B.Coy.
No. 2 Aust Gen
BOULOGNE. 30.10.17.

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24th A.I.F.

Shaw Cpl. A.J. 1772,
B. Coy. VII Plt.

(K. Feb. 5/17 Det D/B)

"Cpl. Shaw who I believe came from N.S.W. had just returned from leave in Scotland. He was shot by a sniper in the head and killed instantaneously. This was near Walencourt Debut. We were going into Maxwell supports. He was buried close to the Batt. and I heard a X was erected but I did not see it. It was a moonlight night. I did not see him hit but saw the body".

Eye-witness: As far as information goes Yes.

Description: 5.8. dark moustache. I understood he was married with 2 children.

Informant: Pte. H.V. Shaw 4034,
24th A.I.F., B. Coy. VII Plt.,
Napsbury Hospt.,
St. Albans, Herts.

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24th Batn
B. Coy.,
A. I. F.

SHAW
Cpl. A. J. 1772

"Killed 5.2.17."

I saw him killed at Warlencourt. He was sniped through the head death being instantaneous. I knew him very well he was the only man of that name in the Coy., He was buried at Butte-de-Warlencourt. I saw the grave and it was marked with a cross bearing his number, name, and Unit.

Witness:- Cpl. D.W. Withersden. 3956
24th Batn B. Coy., 6th Pltn.
Sra A.A. Hospital,
Dartford.

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London.
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24th Batt. A.I.F.

Shaw, A.J. Cpl. NO. 1772.
8. Plat. B. Coy.

Killed Feb 5th 1917. Det. D.E.

Cpl Shaw was detailed off by me in charge of a ration party proceeding to Head Quarters when a shell caught the party, killing him and Pte Warren. They were buried at Hexham Road outside Martin Puch. They were buried in a shell hole and a temporary cross was erected. Later on a more elaborate cross was erected. I only knew him in the coy. I could not give any description of him.

Witness. R.S.M. Williams. NO. 3332. B. Coy. 24th Batt.

Taken at
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18-12-17.
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NO. 4. Command Depot
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24th Battr.
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SHAW
Cpl. A.J. 1772

"Killed 5-2-17"

Killed at Armentières, Feb., by shell in trenches.
I helped to bring his body down to Brick Hack Farm. I know
he was buried at Cité Bon Jean Cemetery. I took his property
back to H. Qrts., left one Disc on body.

Informant. Kearney 149

Ward 1,

HAREFIELD.

D.P. Dickson
London
11-3-18

Note:-

Previous report by Kearney.

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Note:-

We regret the delay in typing the above report, but we have
been obliged to hold it up on account of pressure of work and
shortage of machines.

24th Btn.

SHAW, A. J.
Cpl. 1772

Killed in action 5/2/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5 ft. 7 ins. medium build, fair complexion, about 25 years of age. I do not know how Casualty was killed or what he was doing at the time of his death, but I was sent out to bury a few of the dead and discovered Casualty's body partly covered with earth near the butt of Marlincourt. I made a nice grave for him and erected a cross over his grave with his name and number and colours."

Informant:- Pte. H. W. Gill,
No. 4112. 24th Btn.

Private address:-
246 Barkly Street,
North Fitzroy.

Notes- "I was under orders from
R.S.M. Garrick of the 24th Btn."

T.C.F.
14/6/18.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

24th Btn.

SHAW, A. J.
Cpl. 1772

Killed in action 5/2/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a tall man about 5 ft. 10 ins. well built, medium complexion, about 34 years of age, known as "Jimmie". Casualty was going to a bombing post at Le Sars. I was in the same party and was next to him. He was shot through the head by a machine gun bullet which killed him instantly. He was buried just at the rear of Co. H.Qrs. at Le Sars. A cross was erected with his name and number on it. I was an eye-witness."

Informant:- L/Cpl. W. Goodfellow,
No. 4699, 24th Btn.

Private address:-
120 Victoria Street,
Richmond.

T.C.F.
5/7/18.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE

23-10-17

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1772 Cpl A. J. SHAW

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