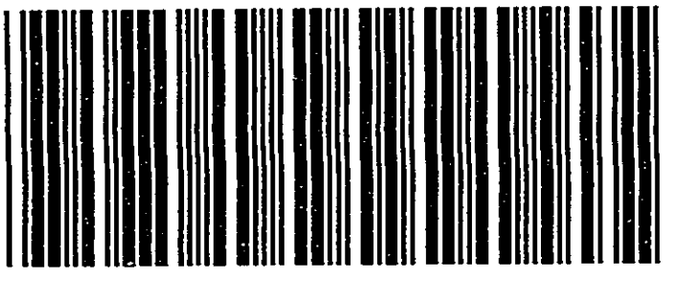
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14576 Sapper Harold Nielson (Harold Rose)

10th Field Company Engineers



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A.I.F. 11th Fld.Coy. Engrs.

RCBS
Harold 14576

"E/A.10-7-17"

No trace Germany
Cert. by Capt. Mills 10-10-19.

London
24-10-19

10th Field Engineers

ROSS
H. 14576

Killed in Action 8.6.17

Ross was killed and buried by shell explosion. The body was found 4 days after and buried in a part of our Section close to Plug Street.

Pte Scovell of 10th Field Engineers, who gives the above information witnessed the burial.

Pte Scovell is in Hospital at Perham Downs.

Informant Chaplain Forrest, No 1 Command Depot, Perham Down

London 26.9.17

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I0th Field Coy Engineers. Ross.H. Spr. NO.I4576.

Killed July I0th I9I7. Det. D.B.

I received a letter from a mate of mine. Sgt McCormack, of the I0th Engineers, stating that Ross was killed , and was lying in No-Man's land for a fortnight before they could get him in. He was buried but he did not say where. I know they were at Messines at the time. I did not know much of this man myself, as he had just joined up a short time before I left.

Witness, Spr. Sloan. J.M. NO.I0356. I0th Fied Engineers.

S.Whitmee.
NO.4.Command Depot.
Codford.

Taken at
NO.4.C.D.Codford.
27-9-I7.
F.G.H.

Written Sgt. McCormack 16.10.17. R

No 10 Field Coy. Aust. E.

Ross Sapper H. 14576.

(K. July 10/17 Det D/B)

"I found the body of Sapper Ross in a shell hole near Messines and buried him myself. His identity disc was missing but I found his name inside a pocket book which I sent to his unit. He had been dead apparently about three weeks so it is impossible to describe him. We put a stake at the head of his grave with his name on it but being under shell fire at the time I had to be as quick as possible".

Grave 200 yds N. Kemmel Road near Messines-Ploegsteert Rd

Eye-witness: Yes

Description: See above.

Informant: T.W. Tollis,
33rd A.I.F.,
3rd London General Hospt.,
Wandsworth.

Home address:
Aust. H.Q.,
Horseferry Rd.

Oct. 9/17,
W.A. Davis.

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Australian Engineers. Ross. Pte. H. 14376.
10 Co:

(K. July 10/17)
Det D/B.

"I know that Ross was killed about June 8th at Messines. Ridge. He had been reported as "Missing" for some time but after a few weeks the body was found in a shell-hole. I was told by a Cpl. of 37th Battn: that Ross (with a Copl: and another man of the 37th or 38th Battn:) took cover in a shell-hole somewhere on the right of Bethlehem Farm. The shelling was very severe at the time and all three men were killed. Ross was buried near Bethlehem Farm and a cross erected to him. I also heard his name read out in Orders saying he had been killed and buried."

Eye-witness: No. Heard of it from Corpl: in the 37th Batt: could not give name or No.

Description: Rather short - about 5ft 7. dark; Scotchman by birth - age about 30.

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Informant: Sappr: J. Grower. 6555.
Field Co Engineers. Australian.
10. Co.
5th Southern General Hospital. Fawdett Rd.
Portsmouth.

Home address: Nyah- Near Swanhill.
Victoria.
Australia.

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Oct. 20/17.
E.D. Wilson.

10th Fld. Coy. Eng.
A.I.F.

ROSS. H.
14576.

"KILLED IN ACTION" 10.7.17"

Re 14576 Spr Ross. H. I have to advise that this man was attached to one of the attacking battalions in the Messines Battle. No particulars being forth-coming after the battle, Spr Ross was first reported missing, later advice was received that Spr Ross was buried By No. 154 Cpl. Price of the 33rd Battalion. who was in charge of a burying party. Spr Ross was buried on the field in the occinity of Messines. Trusting the above details will assist you.,

Letter from;- A. McCormack Sgt.
France. 5.1.18.

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.,

London.
11.3.18.

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1034 (16-10-17)

Pte SCOVELL

10 Aus: Field Engineers

A.I.F.

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H. Ross

10 Aust: Field Co Engineers

K/A 8-6-17

17.10.17
A.I.B.

16.10.17

Sgt. Mc Cormack
10th/7 Coy. Sappers R.E.T.
R.E.T.

Abt.
14576 Spr. H. Ross
10th/7 Coy. Sappers
R.E.T.
K.I.A. 10-7-17.

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16.10.17
R.E.T.

14576 H. Ross In the Field
11-11 to the Co Sup: 5-1-17
K/A 10-7-17 P3 (d)

To the Secretary
Australian Red Cross Society
54 Victoria Street
London SW 1

In connection with your
Enquiry re 14576 Spr. Ross H
I have to advise that this
man was attached to one of
the attacking Battalions in
the Messines Battle.

No particulars being forth-
coming after the battle Spr
Ross was first reported
missing.

Later advices was
received that Spr Ross
was killed by a 10/5/17 Cpl
Price of the 95th Battalion
who was in charge of a
Burying Party.

Spr Ross was buried
on the field in the
vicinity of MESSINES
Trusting the above details will
assist you.

Yrs Comdr R.E.
10th Field Coy Engineers.

Information re to

Ross H. 14576 15th Fuld Engineers

Kia A. 8/6/17.

"Ross was killed & buried by shell explosion. The body was found 4 days after & buried in a part of our section close to Plug Street"

Pte Scorell of 15th Fuld Engineers who gives the above information witnessed the burial.

Pte Scorell is in Hospital at Julian Downs.

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Memo,

The above information has been collected by Chaplain Forrest NO I Command. Julian Downs.

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Sgt. A. McCormack,
10th Aus: Field Coy, Engrs
A. I. F. - B. E. F.

14.11.17

Dear Sir,

We wish to thank you for your letter in answer to our enquiry concerning:-

14576. Spr. H. Jones, 10th Fld Coy Engineers, A. I. F.

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

With all good wishes,

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.

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