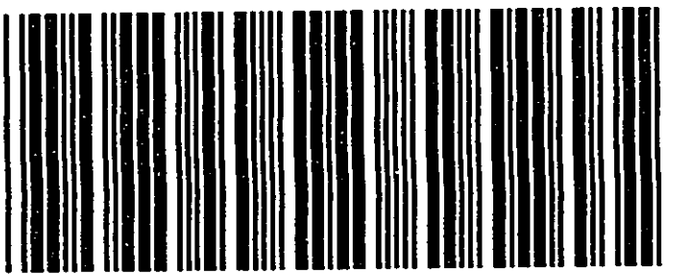
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5441 Private
Martin Rollins

14th Battalion



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AUSTRALIAN INF. 14. ROLLINS M.5441

K. June 10th 1917. Det. D/B.

Rollins - name Martin - was bat man to Mr. Wanliss and was killed on the morning of June 10th, when we were holding on three days after Messines was taken. Three of us, Rollins, R.Y.Smith (since killed) and myself were coming along a sap. Martin was out on top, and we told him to come down into the sap, but he said he was all right there, and a couple of minutes afterwards a 5.9 shell got him and killed him instantaneously. We buried him close to Battn. H.Q. on Messines Ridge and put up a cross. I since wrote to his people about him, but have not the address. It was R.Y.Smith who had it. Smith who was killed later was buried not far from Rollins.

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No. 54 General
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ROLLINS,
M. 5441

"Killed 10.6.17."

Rollins was batman to a Sig. Officer, and was blown up and killed instantly by a shell at Messines. He was buried just East of Messines township. I did not see casualty but saw him just before when he was picking out a place for a cookhouse. The man with him was R ~~of~~ Smith, killed since .

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ROLLINS
M. 5441

"Killed 10-6-17"

Was in D.Coy., 15th Pltn., called Dad. I saw him killed by a "Whizz Bang". He was hit through the stomach, and lived about 5 minutes, he died before they could get him to the dressing station. It happened at Flers, in the support trench. I was at his burial and saw his grave. The burial service was read by Mjr. Rollins, 14th Battn. The 14th Battn., Pioneers buried him. There was a Cross going to be put up later.

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