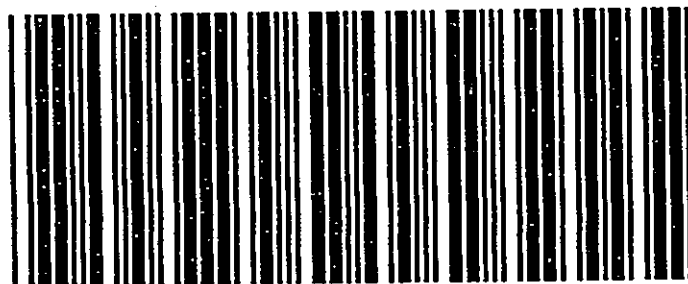


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**231 Private  
Ethelbert Tucker**

**11th Light Trench Mortar Battery**



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11th Trench Mortar Battery  
A. I. F.

TUCKER  
Bert 251

"Killed in Action 5.4.17."

Buried London Rifle Brigade Military Cemetery on Floegstreet  
Armentieres Road 400 yards from Cross Roads of Floegstreet 2 1/2  
Miles N of Armentieres.

London.  
10.11.17.

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11th. Light Trench Mortar  
A.I.F.

Tucker  
B. 231.

Killed 5/4/17

At Le Touquet near Armenties he was killed by shell. Killed at once, shell hit him in the stomach and blew him to pieces. I saw him killed, was in same gun team, came from Queensland. Elderly, hair turning grey with a moustache, at one time was a Salvation Army Man.

Inf: Vercoe 10614  
W. 38. Harefield.

London.  
20/11/17.

B.

11 Aust: L.T.M.B.

Tucker. B. 231.

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

"In Suffolk Avenue, Le Bissie (?) Sector between Ploegsteert and Armentieres we were working on a gun emplacement in a trench, before dinner. The enemy shelled us out, and Tucker was blown to bits as we hopped into a communication trench. I was within a yard of him, also a man named West, but we were not touched. He was buried by 43 Pioneers. Lt: Porter, now Capt: saw about it."

Rye-witness:

Description: Queenslander. from 42 Batt: A.I.F.

Informant: J.A. Myers. 1225.

11 Aust: L.T.M.B.

Bethnal Green Military Hospital.  
(S.Courage Ward)

23.11.17. Home address: Adelaide. S.A.  
F.M. Bathurst.

42nd Battn.  
A. Coy.  
A. I. F.

Tucker.  
? Bert 231.

"Killed 5.4.17"

He belonged to the Trench Mortar Battery and was going up to see how things were going when a shell struck him on the chest and killed him instantly. I did not see him hit, nor did I see his grave, but was told he was buried in the Military Cemetery behind Ploegsteert Wood. I cannot remember the man's name who told, nor can I refer to anyone for further information.

Witness:-

Cpl. F.C. Hughes 122.

42nd Battn. A. Coy.

3rd Aust. Aux. Hospital.

Dartford.

W. Oman.

London.

3.8.17.

B.

A.I.F. 42nd Bn.  
A.Co.

TUCKER.  
Bert. 231.

"K 6.4.17".

I was told Bert Tucker was hit with a Vizz Bang, death instantaneous at Messines; he was a Lewis Gunner and was in action. I was in the line the same time he was killed about a 100 yards away but did not see the casualty, cannot remember the man's name who told me, he saw him killed, but was told he was fearfully knocked about quite sure he was killed, we were great friends and left Australia together I believe he was buried at the Armentieres Cemetery, ground held, no other of same name in battalion, cannot refer to anyone for further information.

Witness:- Pte. I.D .J.Richards, 1030,  
42th Bn, A.Coy, 4 Pltn.  
3rd Australian Aux.Hospital.  
Dartford.

W.Oman.

London.  
3.8.17.

B

A.I.F. 42

TUCKER, 231.

*Bent*

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

About 11 a.m. on April 5th at Suffolk Avenue Hæppe Tucker went out to put in a gun pit. I was a few yards behind him as we went along the trench as we hadn't got far when a whizz bang got him and killed him on the spot. S/Es came along and picked him up. I can't say anything about his burial for I did not see it.

Inf: E. Kelley. 2102.

No. 54 General

BOULOGNE. 18.8.17.

HH

*B*

42nd Battn  
A. Coy.  
A.I.F.

Tucker,  
B. 251

"Killed 5.4.17."

He was transferred to the 11th Trench Mortar Battery, from the 42nd Battn, and while attached there he was blown to pieces by a shell at Plugsheet Wood. I did not see him killed but refer to Pte. Millyan, 11th Trench Mortar Battery, who saw him killed, and can give particulars. I do not know if he was buried or not.

Witness:-

Pte. W.J. Cree. <sup>3</sup>500  
42nd Battn. B. Coy. 8th Pltn.  
3rd A.A. Hospital,  
Dartford.

W. Oman,  
London.

22.8.17.

Note written Pte. Millyan,  
4.8.17.

B



Hayre

27th August 1917

42nd AUSTRALIANS

B. TUCKER, 231

K. 5th April 1917 Det. 2/B

I knew Pte. Bert Tucker of A.Co. 1st Platoon; his number was a low one; he was an original man. He was transferred to the Light Trench Mortar, 11th Battery, about December 1916. I heard that he was killed at Ploegatrent in April 1917. The T.M. boys may be able to locate his grave.

Informant: Pte. F. Donning 1893  
42nd Australians A.Co. 1st Pltn  
Australian Base  
Rouelles

RDM

*Suff. P. 1. ed*

11 Australian Light T.M.

Tucker, B. 231

(K. Ap. 5/17)

"He was in the trench at le Bisset left of Armentieres 30 yards from me when he was killed instantly by a shell. I saw his body but do not know where he was buried. The nearest cemetery was the Divisional Cemetery at Armentieres."

Eye-witness: Yes.

Description:

Informant:- H.G. Bradshaw, 383  
11 Australian Light T.M.  
R.V. Netley Hospital, Top floor

Oct. 28  
G.R.B.

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Plt MILLIGAN

38.17

11 Trench Mtr Bty  
AIF BEF

231

B TUCKER

A Co

42 Bato AIF

C K. 5.4.17

Wma  
6.9.17