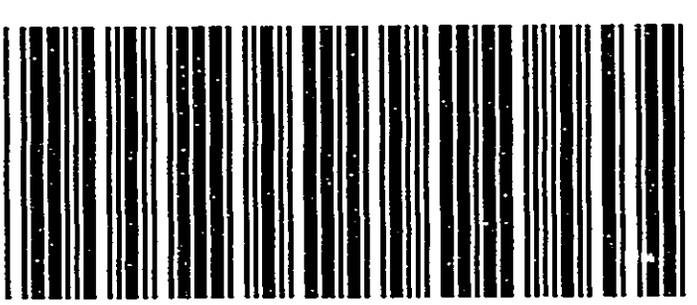
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5450 Private
John Anderson Telfer

23rd Battalion



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23rd Batn
A.I.F.

TELFER
J.A. 5450

"Killed May 3rd 1917"

I saw him shot through the head by a sniper during the Bullecourt stunt. That is all I know about him.
Informant:- Pte. J.G. Davidson 5002
23rd Batn A.I.F.
3rd A.A. Hospital Dartford.

Unwilling Witness.

G.H. Jones.
29.10.17.

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23rd Battn.
B.Coy.
A.I.F.

Telfer.
J. A. 5450

"Killed 3.5.17"

Refer to Pte.A.J.Scott 23rd Battn.B.Coy.8th Pltn. who is in France and who was with him at time of casualty, and can give full particulars.

Witness:-
Pte.G.R.Woodgate 4782
23rd Battn.B.Coy.8th Pltn.
3rd Aust.Aux.Hospital.
Dartford.

W.Oman.

London.
16.11.17.

M.

NoteWritten Pte.Scott 14.11.17.

23rd Batt.A.I.F.

TELFER
Telfer.J.A. Pte. NO.5450.

NO.8.Plat. B.Coy.

Killed May 3rd 1917. Det. D.B.

I saw him killed by a sniper just in front of the Hindenburg Lines during the hop over at Bullecourt. We was buried where he fell by the party from the coy, there was no time to erect a cross, his disc was placed over the grave to mark it. I knew him well in the coy. I could not say where he came from.

Description. Age. 20. Height. 5-7. Complexion. Fair. Slight Built.

Witness. Pte. Priest.G. NO.4756. B.Coy. 23rd Batt.

Taken at
NO.3.C.D.Hurdcott.
21-3-18.
S.W.

S.Whitmee.
NO.4.Command Depot
Hurdcott.

23rd Battn.
A.I.F.

J.A. TELFER. 5450.

"Killed in Action" 3-5-17.

On 3rd May 1917 we were at Bullecourt and we attacked and about noon just as we were about to retire, Telfer got sniped, the bullet striking him in the head. He was in the same Lewis Gun team with me. We had no chance to bury him as we had to retire at once and he was left in no man's land.

Informant:- London James. Pte 2857 (reliable)
B.Coy. 8th Pltn.
Ward 5.
Beaufort Hospital.

Home Address:-
88 Collier St.
Thornbury,
Melbourne.

A.Hamilton Jenkins.
London.
4-6-18.

M.

(14.11.17)

Pte. A.J. Scott

B Coy. VIII Ptns.

23rd Batln. A.P.O.

B.E.F.

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ext.

5-45-0 Pte. J.A. Telfer

B Coy

23rd Batln. A.P.O.

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14.11.17.
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