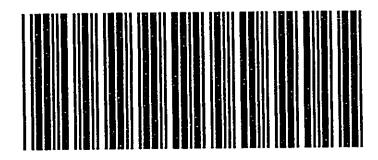
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4774 Private John Robert Tree

25th Battalion



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TREE J. R. 4774. M. G. Sect.

K. Nov. 5th. 16. Det. D & B

We were at Fleurs on Nov. 5th. 16, and on the Sunday morning at 9.45 a.m. we charged. Tree was attached to the Machine Gun Section, and had to carry panniers of ammunition for his gun Half way across No Man's land, A shell exploded, and blew him to pieces. It would be impossible to bury him. I blew him to pieces. It would be impossible to bury him. I knew Tree well, and he came from the Emogerra Camp, Brisbane, in the 12th reinforcement s of the 25th Batt, on S.S. Mooltan, leaving 10th April '16.

> Description. Hgt. 5ft3. Fair complexion. "Nickname Stump"

Witness.

Turner D. C. 4777.

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TREE, J.R. 4774

E. Nov. 5th. 1916. Det. D/B.

He was in 3. Sc. VIII. Titu. True came from Australia. I had known him for three or four months in the Sattalian. He was a very quiet chap, about 5ft. 3" in height, medium build, dark hair, clean shaven, and about 31 years of age. My mate, it. I.J. Fitzgereld of B. Company, attached L. M. Gun, told me Tree had been killed on the 5th Boyember when we were attacking Flore, and that he had buried him in a shell hole the same day.

Informant: Pt. A. Whannoll 4564
25th Australians, B. Co., V.Pltn.
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"Zilled 5.11.16."

I saw him fall from rifle or Machine Cun Wire. We tore advancing and could not stop to bury him. We were both B.Company.

L/Cpl.Farquar (B.Coy) also saw him fall.

Reference: - Cpl.A.Cameron. 25th.Battn. 1593. Harefield 22.1.17.

London 25.1.17.

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25th Australian Infantry

Tree Pte., 4774. C. Coy.

(K. Nov. 5/16. Det. D/B.)

Informant states that on Nov. 5th 1916 at Flers, on the Somme, during an attack, Pte. Tree was hit by a shell, and blown to pieces. At the time, he was under cover in a shell hole, together with a Machine At the time, he was under cover in a shell hole, together with a Machine Gunner in charge of a machine gun. The gunnder was killed by the same Gunner in charge of a machine gun. The gunnder was killed by the same shell. Pte. Tree came from Brisbane, and came over in the same reinforcement that I did.

Eye witness: No. Told by a lot of his mates who saw him killed at the time.

Description: Dark, very short, and "nuggety", about 22, known as Jack

Informant: Pte. W.C. Crane 4689, A.I.F. 25 Batt. B.Co 5th Southern Gen: Nos: Milton, Portsmouth.

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3.2.17. E.C. Hughes.



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