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Captain
Virgil Tucker

16th Battalion



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16th Batt
A. I. F.

Tucker,
Capt. V.

"Killed in Action"

Killed in Action 11.4.17

Cert, by A. I. F Headquarters dated 7.12.17

London 8.12.17

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Havre 28th January 1918.

16th A.I.F. Tucker Capt. V.

K. 11th April 1917. Det D/B.

He was temporary O.C. of my Company on the 11th April in front of Bullecourt.

I saw him killed by a bullet just after we went over, about half way between our hopping off place and the German wire - He was killed out right.

We advanced after this but later had to evacuate the position and it is not likely he was buried - I got wounded & by the time this ground was regained a month or so later, the Germans had cleared up a lot of the dead and it is not likely any graves could be found out now.

Inf:- Pte E.D.Goss No.5723.
16th A.I.F. D.Co. XIII Pltn.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

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February 13th, 1918.

Major S.A.Beveridge,
3rd Australian Auxiliary Hospital,
Dartford.

Dear Sir,

We have received the following unofficial report respecting the death of :-

Capt.V.TUCKER, 16th Battalion, A.I.F.

from 5723 Pte.E.D.Goss of the same unit who reports that Capt.Tucker was temporary O.C. of his coy on April 11-1917, and was killed instantly by a bullet half way between their "hopping off" place and the German wire just after they went over in the attack. They advanced at the time but later they were forced to retire and the ground was not regained until a month later.

Goss was wounded soon after and can give us no particulars as to burial. We are making further enquiries, and will advise you of any information we may obtain.

Yours faithfully,

for SECRETARY.
F.K.Q. St George