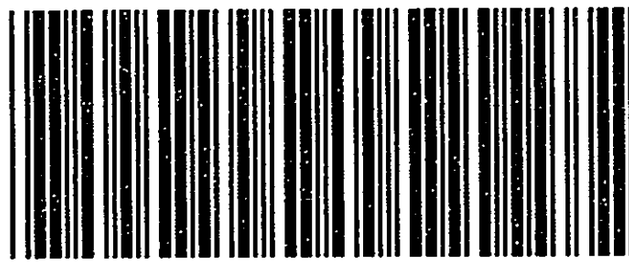
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3234 Private
Herbert Henry Parish

54th Battalion



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54th Batt:

Parish, H.H. 3234.

K. 28/9/17.

I saw his grave with inscription on the cross, it is situated right behind the pill box and in front of the trench at Ypres.

54th Batt:

Woodley, J.T.Pte.3019.

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A.I.F. 54th Btn

PARISH
Herbert Henry 3234

"K. in Action"

No report of casualty
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 14-11-17 , 16-11-17 & 22-11-17

Killed
Cert. by Rouen wire 21-11-17

Killed in action 26-9-17
Cert. by A.I.F.H qrs 22-11-17

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London
22-11-17

54th Australian Imperial Force Parish, Pte. H.H. 3234

(M. Sept. 26, 1917 Dets D & B).

" Parish was killed about mid-night on the night of the 26th/27th Sept. last, instantly by a shell. It was by a Pill Box in the front of Glen Gorse Wood I was not by at the time he was killed but on coming back, I saw the body. He was a late reinforcement in my Platoon, B. VI. He had been a Corporal in England and a machine gunner. He was buried the next morning by the Pill Box and I have seen the grave with the usual cross on it with his name, number, etc. "

Eye Witness - Yes.

Description About 5ft 8 ins. A stout jovial faced sort of chap. Fair complexioned but soft-voiced like a woman. Clean shaven, age about 30.

Informant :- Pte. N.I.F.Thomson, 2238, Stretcher-bearer, 6th Pltn. B Coy. 54th Aus I Force
Colmore Road Hospt, Kings Heath
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Home address :-
475, Liverpool St,
Darlinghurst, Sydney
N.S.W.

8.12.17.
W.F. Awdry.

Havre 11th Dec. 1917.

54th AUSTRALIANS PARISH, H.H. 3234

K. 26.9.17. Det. D/B.

I knew Parish well for 12 months. He was medium height, thickly built, medium brown hair, about 20. He came from the North Coast of N.S.W. He worked in a Grocers Store in civil life, and came over to France as a Corporal. On the 25th Sept. at Ypres in supports, a shell burst and hit Parish and killed him instantly. I was not an eye-witness, but Pte. Wright, B Co., 7th Pltn. can give information. I have just seen Wright at the Base here. He rejoins the Battn. to-day.

Informant: Pte. J. Sweeney, 3249
54th Australians, B Co., 7th Pltn.,
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

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A.I.F. 54. PARISH, H.H. 3234.

K. Sept 26th 1917. Dets D/B.

I was told that he was killed instantly by a shell during the daytime whilst in the reserve lines at Polygon Wood. I have seen his grave which is in the open and is marked with a cross with his name etc on it. It is about 1 mile behind what is known as the Mound. I trained with him in the 14th Training Battn, No. 11 Camp, Hendecott, Salisbury Plain early in 1917. He was not in my company but I knew him well.

Inf: Sgt R.Sutton. 1985. D B,Coy.
No. 7 C.C.
BOULOGNE. 31.12.17.

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54th Batt. A.I.F.

Parish.H.H. Ptg. NO.3255
A Plat. B.Coy. 3254

Killed Sept 28th 1917. Bat. N.B.

I saw him killed by a piece of shell in the support lines at Polygon Wood, He was buried where fell by a party from the coy. A temporary cross was erected. I knew him in the coy,he was in my platoon. I do not know where he came from.

Description. Height.5-5. Complexion. Fair. Medium Built.

Witness. Pte.Hughes. W.J. NO.3894. B.Coy. 54th Batt.

Taken at
NO.4.C.D.Hurdcott.
I-I-18.
S.W.

S.Whites.
NO.4.Command Depot
Hurdcott.

2nd Lieut

54th Battn.
D.Coy.
A.I.F.

Parish.
H.H. 3234

"Killed 26.9.17"

I saw him killed near the Pill boxes just behind Polygon Wood. He was caught by a shell, the concussion of which evidently killed him, as he bore no marks of any kind, death was instantaneous. I did not actually see the casualty, but I saw him very soon after it happened. I knew him very well, he was the only man of that name in the Coy. I saw his grave behind the pill boxes at place of casualty and it was marked with a cross bearing his number, name and unit.

Witness:-
Pte.T.Wharrie 3257
54th Battn. C.Coy.
3rd A.A.Hospital.
Dartford.

W.Oman.

London.
4.1.18.

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54th Battalion.
B.Coy.
A.I.F.,

PARISH C.,
H.H.5254.,

3234

Killed 26-9-1917."

I saw him killed at Glencorse Wood. He was hit by a piece of shrapnel in the stomach and killed instantly. We were in supports at time of casualty. I knew him very well, he was a grocer before he enlisted and was the only man of that name in the Coy. He was buried behind the pill box at place of casualty which was on left of Glencorse track, just behind Ypres, and the grave was marked with a cross bearing his number, name, & unit.,

Witness. OGILVIE. J.S.Pte. 3238., 54th Battn. C.Coy.
3rd Australian Auxiliary Hospital.
DARTFORD.,

W.Oman. S.,

London,
14.2.1918.,

Note We regret the delay in typing the above report, but we have been obliged to hold it up on account of pressure of work and shortage of machines.,