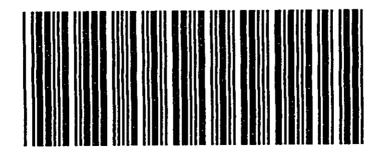
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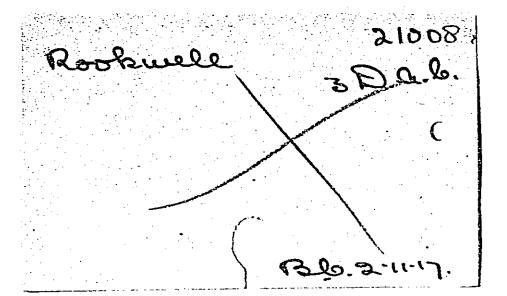
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I assisted to bury him in a new cemetery just formed near Harbonnieres, we put a bottle with his name, number and particulars on the grave, but did not erect a cross.

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Roberts P.C. No. 2473.

K. 9th August 1918. Det D/B.

The man'I knew was a Corporal in B.Company. He was about 22, tall and fair. He came from South Australia. About the 9th August we were at Bullecourt in reserve. In the night while Roberts was standing to in the trench he was hit by a piece of shell in the chest. I was near and saw it. He was taken away on a stretcher. This is all I know. I don't even know if he died.

Inf:- Pte'A' Carter 'No. 279.
A.I.F. 27. B. "
Australian Conv. Depot.

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27th Battn. A I.F.

"Killed in Action 9-8-18"

I helped to carry Roberts A. Company. to R.A.P. after he had been wounded by shell all over the body - the head wound was most serious and killed him. He died on the stretcher and we took the body to R.A.P. Don't know about burial.

Roberts was about 5ft 5 or 6, medium complexion, thick set, about 29 years, was wounded at Morlancourt and had just returned

I have his photo.

Informant: - Pte (S/B) Land.G.R.6535. 27th Battn. A Ccy.

Have already sent in report from BELGIUM. C/S/M. Pearson. confirming but above report would be correct in respect to cause of death I was showen photo. H.E.H.

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Percy Roberts was about off 6, darkish complexion, 29 years, a good

stretcher bearers.

Informant: - C/S/M. J.A.Pearson. 126. 27th Betto. A.Company. BELGIUM.

H.E.H. Lnacn. 14-5-19. J.E.A.

Note. Written Ptes-Osborne & Bell. 14-3-19.

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Nour letter of lith inst., in particulars of the late \$475 Pte P.C.

Roberts, S/B. *A* Coy., \$7th Battalion, reached me this afternoon, and
I am glad to be able to give the details required. I was a member of
the same stretcher bearing team and soon after the commencement of an
advance on the afternoon of 9th august last a shell dropped amongst us
severely wounding Roberts in the head, and another member of the team
slightly. He was not consolous at the last after being woulded and we
earried him back to a dressing station, where I remained with him until
he died about an hour later. I heard afterwards that the body was conveyed further back by men of another division and although I emmot confirm this statement I do not think there is the slightest doubt that he
was buried in a military Cemetery as that has been done, without exceptiom as far as I know in all cases where a man has been removed from
the field and I take it that registration of the grave would follow. I
regret that I did not make a point of noting the exact name of the advansed dressing station but I think I am correct in saying it was one
attached to the 5th A.I.Division. I am enclosing a photograph which I
took from his pooket wallet, as it may help you, but would be glad if
this could be returned to me. He was rather short and very dark and I am
inclined to think hiswnose may have been broken in earlier life as it
had that appearance. With regard to personal effects, I removed from the
body, a watch, ring, silver pencil, ease, fountain pen (I am not absolutely certain regarding the latter article but nearly so) and his pooketwallet mentioned above. Several private letters I removed from the
wallet and burned as they would othersise probably have become geattered

A.I.F. 27th Mattn.

ROBERTS Pto P.O.2473

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abroad. The above were handed to a Corporal of 27th Mattn., to be forwarded through the proper sources to the relatives. I may mention that I mentioned all the above details to a cousin of Pte Roberts whom I chanced to meet making enquiries for him a few days after his death.

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