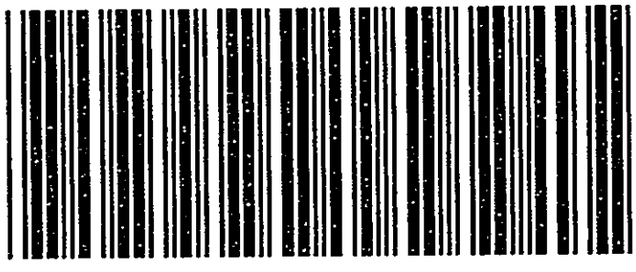
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2187 Private Oscar Frederick Pomroy

1st Infantry Brigade Headquarters



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1st Inf.Brigade,
Headquarters,
A. I. F.

Pomroy.
O. F. 2187

"Killed 5.5.17"

Was originally in 1st Battalion.and was afterwards transferred to 1st Inf.Brgde.H.Qrs. He was officer's cook. I saw him killed by shell at H.Qrs (Bullecourt) on May 5th. He was blown to pieces along with 4 others, the shell landed right in the dug-out, He was taken away and buried. I did not see his grave, but I saw the cross that they were going to put up.

Witness:-
J.G.James 4211
2nd Battn.
Harefield.

W.G.J.

London.
10.10.17.

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1st Inf: Brigade.
H.Q. A.I.F.

Pomroy. O.F. 2184

(K. May 5/17)

"I knew Pomroy at H.Q. he was a very good cook; he was killed instantly by a shell dropping inside the shelter at H.Q. four (?) other batmen were killed at the same time; this took place at the Railway Embankment in front of Bullecourt, May 5. Pomroy was buried near there."

Eye-witness:

Description: A very good cook.

Informant: Capt: J.W. Richards.
1st Australian Machine Gun Co:
3rd London General Hospital.
Wandsworth.

Home address: Southmore,
Wentworth Rd.
Watson's Bay.
Sydney.

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20.11.17.
A.E.Logg.

1st.Brig.H.Qrs. A.I.F. Pomroy.O.F.No.2187.

K.May.5/17.Dst.D./B.

He was killed by a shell behind Bullecourt,where Bigade H.Quarters were.,and buried ther e by a party from Headquarters.A cross was erected with his name and particulars. I knew him well,he came over with the sixth reinforcements of the 1st.Battalion.He came from Kogarah N.S.Wales.

Description. Age.25yrs.Height.5-9.Comp.Fair. Slight Build.

Witness. Murn.Pte.No.1159.3rd.Battalion.at that time 1st.B.H.Q's.

Taken at
No.4.C.D.
12-2-18.
F.C.H.

S.Whitmee,
No.4.C.D.
Hurdcott.

A.I.F. Bde
1st Battalion
Headquarters Staff.

POMROY Pte. O.F. 2187

Killed 5/5/17.

"I knew a man called Pomroy in A. Company IV Platoon with me. He was called "Pommie". He had only been with us for about 3 months before he was killed at Bullecourt by a shell which struck him and killed him instantly. I was there at the time and saw it happen. It happened about noon on a Sunday about 5th or 6th May, 1917. I was quite close and am sure he was killed without suffering. We held this position till about 15th May, 1917, and then evacuated it. He was killed by a shell whilst in the front trench. I did not know he had been on Headquarters Staff, and do not know where he was buried."

Informant:-- Private C.G.Gordon, 1926,
1st Battalion A. Co. IV Platoon
Home address:-- Newtown, Dubbo.

9/7/18
H.S.O.
No. 4 Australian General Hospital,
RANDWICK.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

1st Battalion A.I.F.
Headquarters Staff.

POMROY, Private C.E.W. No. 2187.

"Killed 5.5.1917"

Informant states that Pomroy was a Cobber of his and was formerly cook in "D" Company. He was afterwards cook at Brigade Headquarters. Informant was told by a Runner of the Brigade about 7th May that Pomroy and four others were killed by a shell in the kitchen on May5th. Informant says he has Mrs. Pomroy's address - Forest Road, Arncliffe, and has arranged to go out to see her.

Informant;- Hockings, Driver N.V. No. 1358,
1st Battalion "D" Co. Transport.
Private address;- 57 Meeks Road,
Marrickville.

C.E.W.
20.3.18.
No.4 Australian General Hospital,
RANDWICK.

SYDNEY BUREAU

1st Battalion, A.I.F. Bde
Headquarter Staff.

POMROY.
Private O.F. 2187.

"KILLED. 5.5.17."

Informant described Pomroy as about 5 feet 7 inches high, slight build, medium complexion, aged about 22/3.
Informant states that on 5.5.17 the Battalion was at Bulle--court holding the line. Informant was in the front line and Pomroy was attached to Hsadquarters as Cook. Informant was told by one of his mates that he saw Pomroy instantly killed by a shell which lodged in Headquarters. This occurred on the date previously given.
Informant added that Pomroy was a chap very well liked.

INFORMANT;- Private H. A. Marken, 4418,
"D" Coy, 1st Battalion, A.I.F.

Home address;- 25 Boyce Street, GLEBE.

W.E.G.
No.4 Australian General
Hospital, RANDWICK.
21.3.18.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

A.I.F.
1st Battn Bde
Headqrs. Staff.

POMROY, Pte.
O.F. 2187.

KILLED. 5/5/17.

Informant described Pomroy as about 5 ft.7 inches high, slight build, medium complexion, aged about 25 to 26. He was thought to have been an Englishman by birth.
Informant states that Pomroy was a 1st Brigade Cook. On Friday 4/5/17, the Battalion was in action at Bullecourt. On that day Informant was a Signaller, belonging to the 1st Divisional Signalling Corps, but attached to the 1st Brigade. He had seen Pomroy on the previous day. He showed me his notebook from which I took the following extract:-
" A dug-out was blown in and six men killed including Pomroy,
" Davies and Wilson. Brigade Cooks amongst the killed. All
" buried."
Informant did not see the foregoing happen, although he was not far away.
Informant added that Pomroy was a very popular chap with everyone.

INFORMANT:- Sapper J. Rogers, 1156,
1st Divisional Signalling Corps,
W.E.G. Present address: No.21 Aust.Auxiliary Hospital, SYDNEY.
17/5/18. "J" Ward,
George's Heights Hospital.

SYDNEY BUREAU.