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2nd Lieutenant
Clyde Bowman Pearce

52nd Battalion



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52nd A.I.F.

Pearce 2/Lt. C.B.
A. Coy. IV Plt.

(K. June 10/17 Det D/B)

"I was told by all the Batt: that 2/Lt. Pearce was killed at Messines. I saw him just after he was killed ~~though~~ though I was not actually an eye-witness of his death."

Eye-witness: No, told by comrades.

Description: Cannot describe him.

Informant: Pte. D. Davidson 42,
52nd A.I.F., A. Coy. III Plt.,
No II Pennsylvania Hospt.,
Exeter.

Home address:
Horseferry Rd.

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Nov. 8/17,
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25th AUSTRALIANS PEARCE, 2nd Lt. C.E.

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K. 10.6.17. Dot. D/B.

I have been with the 25th Battalion since it left Australia on the 29th June, 1915 and there has never been a Lieut. Pearce with it. On June 10th 1917 we were at Senlis, resting.

Informant: Pte. E.A. Mills, 438
25th Australians, B Co., 7th Platn.,
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

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Incorrectly noted as
25 Battn. Shd. be
52nd Battn

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Havre 5th November.1917.

52nd AUSTRALIANS PEARCE, 2nd Lt. C.B.

K. June 10th.1917. Det. D/B.

He was in A.Co., and in command of IV.Pltn. He was killed on Messines Ridge on June 10th,1917. I saw the cross which was prepared for his grave; he is buried on the Ridge.

Informant: Pt. J.F. McNamara, 5154
52nd Australians, B.Co., VIII.Pltn.
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

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52 A.I.F. Pearce 2nd Lt: C.B.

(K. June 10/17)
Det D/B.

"I saw Lt: Pearce lying dead in the field on the 2nd advance in the Messines stunt, he was within 150 yards of the German trenches, shot through the centre of the forehead. Mears, another stretcher bearer in A Co: and Falkner in C Co: buried him where he was lying, Falkner told me this. I turned him over to see who he was. We went in on the 10th and it was on the following morning that I saw him."

Eye-witness: Yes.

Description: Clean-shaven; dark features; 5ft 8 or 9, about 30 years old.

Informant: Cpl: George Jones. 3826.
52 A.I.F. D Co: XIII Pl:
Tooting Military Hospital.

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Home address: Weld Street,
Leake Estate, Northam.
W .A.

13.11.17.
R.C. Parr.

Havre 17th November.1917.

52nd AUSTRALIANS PEARCE, 2nd Lt. C.B.

K. June 10th.1917. Det. D/B.

He was my Platoon Officer. He was short, stout and dark. I saw him killed by machine gun fire on June 11th, on the right of Messines. We were on our way over, and he got caught in the wire; he was killed outright - 6 or so bullets right through him. He was in charge of A.Co. when he was killed. We went on, and gained the objective. We lost a terrible lot then, owing to the wire not being properly cut. I heard that they were all buried where they fell, but do not know this for certain. We held this ground.

Informant: Corpl. Butler, H.J. 2899
52nd Australians, A.Co., H.Q.
formerly IV.Pltn.
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

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Havre 29th November.1917.

52nd AUSTRALIANS PEARCE, 2nd Lt. C.B.

K. June 10th.1917. Det. D/B.

I did not know him. I believe he was in A.Co. L.Cpl. Sproule of the 52nd Batt., A.Co., (now at No. 1 Convalescent Camp, Boulogne) and several other men told me he blew his brains out on the German wire (at Messines I think, in June) sooner than be taken prisoner of war.

Informant: Taylor, H.H. 1955
52nd Australians, A.Co., III.Pltn.
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

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Not Sent on.

Enquiry for
Details of Death & Burial
of 2 Lt Clyde Bowman Pearce
5.2 Batt AIF
K.A. 10. 6. 17

no card.

Enquiry for mother
next of kin
Mrs E.A. Pearce
Narryna
Hampden Road
Hobart
Tasmania

F.M.
30.8.17.

HOSPITAL 3/1 Southern General Dudley R

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NOTE. In all cases state fully what informant says he saw or heard and give DATE AND PLACE of occurrence.

3 Saw Capt: Dunn who was being removed on a stretcher day a number of the enemy w went ahead. I was near by close quarters by one of the men he head [illegible] believe died in who keeped to clear out question. am unable to

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1. Was Informant Eye-Witness? Yes.
2. If no of
3. Was the ground held or lost? Held
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5. Did Informant know Christian Name, Initials or No. of man enquired about? —
6. Was nam
7. Give Informant's description of man enquired about—any nickname, marks, scars, etc. —
8. *Searcher's opinion of Informant's accuracy and intelligence* clear, statement

.A.I.F.
52nd Btn.

PEARCE
2/Lieut. Clyde Bowman

Killed in Action 10.6.17.

No trace Germany.
Certd by Capt. Mills 10.10.19.

London.
23.10.19.

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