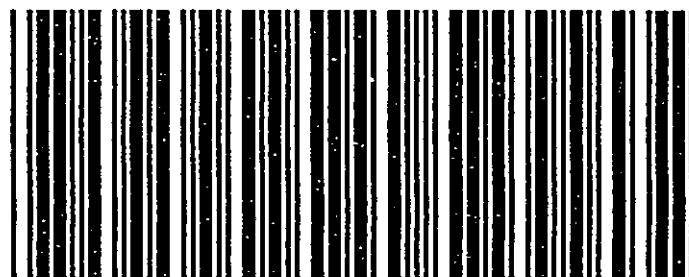


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Lieutenant  
Richard Roland Rufert  
Rannard

2nd Battalion



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A.I.F. 2nd Btn  
late 28th

RAMHARD  
Richard Roland Rupert Lieut.

"K/A 17-4-18"

NO trace Germany  
Cert. by Capt. Mills 10-10-19.

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2nd Battn.  
A.I.F.

RANNARD.  
R.R. Lieut.

"Killed in Action 17-4-18"

I state that Lieut Rannard was killed by a shell - wounded in the neck and died at once at Sec-Beis on April 17th 1918. He was buried there, with other members of Battalion by a Padre and a cross, a very nice one, was erected. He was a fine little chap. The ground was held.

Eye-Witness:- Me.

Description:- Dark, thin face, grey eyes, medium height.

Home address:-

Infermant:- Byrne.G.B.Lieut.(Entirely reliable)  
2nd A.I.F.B.Co.

3rd London General Hpl.  
WANDSWORTH.

W.Arnell Davis.  
Londen.  
10-10-18.

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*J. A.*

*C. Sullivan*

Havre

23rd August 1918.

Australians. 2.

Rannard Lieut R.R.

R. 17th April 1918. Det D/B.

He was one of my Company Officers. He was killed in front of Sec Bois. He had just come back, and in the afternoon Mr. Rannard was giving orders while a barrage was on. He was hit by a shell in the back and shoulders, and died at once. I saw his body. It was bandaged and left at a farmhouse near Sec Bois, and afterwards was buried there. The farm house is on the left hand side of the road to Vieux Berquin and about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile from Sec Bois. He is buried by himself and when I saw the grave it was merely marked by a piece of wood with his name on it.

Inf:- Corpl T. Boyle No. 1405.  
Australians. 2. B. VIII.  
Australian Camp.  
Rouelles.

CWSG.

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2nd BATT. A.I.D.

? RANNARD. Lt R.R.

K. April 17th. 1918. Det.

He was in B. Coy and was hit in the back of the head by a piece of shell at Sept Borre while observing just in front of a dug-out. Death was instantaneous. He was buried close to where he was killed and a cross was erected.

WSI.

Ref --- Pte J.A. Florence. 7102.  
No 3 Gen. Hospita.

Le Treport. August 28th. 1918

*J. H.*

*P*

Havre

1st Sept 1918.

Australians. 2.

Rennard Lieut R.R.

K. 17th May 1918. Det D/B.

He was one of my Company Officers. About the 17th April we were in reserve at Sec Bois and during the day Fritz bombarded us. Mr. Rennard was hit by a piece of shell in the neck and killed out. I saw the body lying in the post next mine, and he is buried about 140 yards from where he was killed.

Inf:- Sergt. R.S. McClelland No. 545.

A.I.F. 2. B. VI.

Australian Conv. Depot.  
Rouelles.

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2nd Battn. B.Coy.  
A.I.F.

RAHWARD  
Lt. R.R.

"Killed 17-4-18"

I saw him killed by a piece of shrapnel, back of neck, instantly, fell back dead in my arms. Was in a post front of "Secbois". I saw him buried by Lt. Donaldson, 2nd Battn., B.Coy., near where killed. Came over same time as myself in "Medic" ~~1-16~~<sup>3-16</sup>, age about 30, 5'8", well built, medium complexion.

Informant. Joyce. Sgt. D. 3831  
2nd Battn. B.Coy. 7th Pltn.  
No. 1 Command Dept.,  
SUTTON VEHY.

E.T. Carter  
London  
4-9-18  
S.A.

F.

Havre

7th Sept 1918.

Australians. 2.

Ranward Lieut R.R.

R. 17th April 1918. Det D/B.

I knew Lieut Ranward fairly well, I was in his Company. He was thickset, clean shaven, and of medium height and build. I saw nothing myself but Sergt Thomas of the 2nd Battn B.Coy. V Fltn, who was Lieut Ranward's Platoon Sergeant told me that he was with him at the time at Meteren holding the line. He said Lieut Ranward had just got up from sleeping and was looking over the parapet when the Germans sent over some 5.9 shells. One burst 100 yards behind the trench and a piece of the back burst hit him in the back of the head and killed him instantly. He believed he was buried at Borre, near Hasebrouck.

Inf:- Pte COLG No. 6719.

A.I.P. 2. H.Q.

Australian Conv. Depot.

Rouelles.

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Havre. 7th. September. 1918.

2nd. Australians. Rannard, Lieut. R. R.

K. April. 17/1918. Dets. D/B.

We were holding the line at the Bore section near Meteren when a shell burst near & he was hit in the head and killed on the spot. He was my Platoon Officer. I saw him taken away to be buried.

Inf:- Private. H. Campbell. 6968.  
2nd. Australians. B. 7.  
~~Hospital~~ Australian Camp.  
Ronelles.

GRR.

*Ed. R.*

OP.

2nd Battn.  
A. I. F.

R.  
KANNARD.  
R. R. Lieut.

"Killed 17.4.18."

I had been speaking to Lieut. Kannard in his trench at Sec Bois about four o'clock in the afternoon of April 17th 1918. and two hours after I was told by my Company Commander Captain T. G. Mann that he had been struck and killed by a piece of shell while in his trench. I know nothing about his burial but it would be near there, his Company Commander Captain Ken Miller, now in France would probably be able to give you further details.

Home address.  
Waratah Lodge.  
Waratah Street.  
Harefield.  
Sydney.

Informant:- Lieut. E. H. Comerford.  
2nd Battn. A Coy. A. I. F.  
3rd. London General.  
WANDSWORTH.

A. E. Long.  
London.  
1.10.18.

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