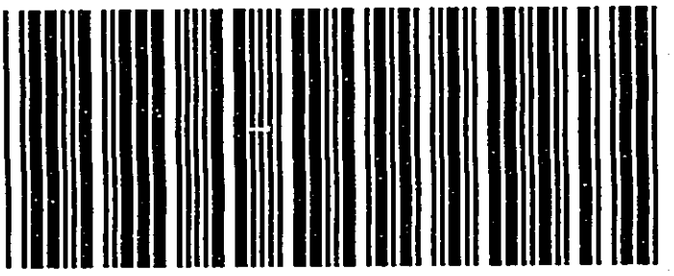
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3157 Private
Allan Ernest Rostron

1st Battalion



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1st Batn.,
A.I.F.

ROSTRON,
A., 3157.

"Killed in action - 18-9-18."

"For full particulars refer to Cpl. Fudge B. Coy., O/R Cpl. 1st Batn.

Informant:- 147 Sgt. Hough, A.S.,
1st Batn.,
Westham Camp,
Weymouth.

N. Burns Priddle,
London,
27-11-18.
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Note:- Written ~~Rostron~~ Fudge, 23-11-18.

A.I.F. 1st Battn.

ROSTRON
A. 3157

"KILLED 18/9/18"

Was a Pte in D Coy. 1st Battn., medium height, stout build, fair. I was alongside him on top of a trench on the hill before we went down into Bellicourt. It was on 18th September about 3 p.m. We were advancing and had just rushed a Machine Gun Post, just short of our objective. He was shot through the groin by a sniper and fell into the trench. We bandaged him up but could not stop the bleeding and he died shortly after without being conscious. I did not see him buried but believe he was buried near the trench with Sgt. Shelton 2972 and Cpl. Rose 3673 who were killed just afterwards, but I did not see them.

Informant:- Pte J. H. Berman 7829,
D Coy., 1st Battn., (at time)
now 1st Battn, Post Office.

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A.A.F.
1st Battalion
"D" Coy. 10th Rfts.

ROSTRON, Private
A. No. 3157

"Killed 18-9-18"

Rostron was in "D" Company, XIII Platoon with me. He was short, thickset and fair; he came with the Battalion from Egypt and was the only man of that name in "D" Company. He was killed by a machine gun bullet on 18-9-18, in the attack as we passed through the village of Harbincourt almost up to our final objective beyond the Quarry. This was on the St. Quentin front. He had done some very good work that day; he and I were chums. He had several times rushed machine gun posts. I saw him just after he fell; he was unconscious at the time and practically dying. He was not suffering and died within 2 or 3 minutes. We had to advance. His things were handed in to the Padre.

Informant;- No. 7581, Pte. W. Steele,
1st Battalion "D" Company, XIII Platoon,
Private address;- Peoples Palace, Sydney.
H.S.O. Pitt St.
No.4 Australian General Hospital,
RANDWICK.

7/3/19.

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1st Battalion, A.I.F. ROSTRON, A.
"D" Coy. 10th Reinf. Private No.3157.

"Killed 18.9.18".

Informant described Rostron as about 5'6" high, very stout, fair complexion, aged about 20/21.

Informant states that they both belonged to "B" Company, of which Informant was Acting Sergeant-Major. On 18.9.18 the Battalion was in action at Villaret in front of Bellicourt, about 9 a.m. during an advance Informant took a couple of Prisoners, and Rostron came up and stood on a Duck-board covering a trench; he was shot almost immediately upon getting on the Duck Board. He was not killed outright. Informant saw him fall, and he was at once given first aid by Corporal Slater and Private Barnes; he was conscious for a short time, and asked to be bandaged up, and then lost consciousness. He died where he fell about an hour later. Informant sent a man back to see how he was getting on and he was then on the point of expiring. He was buried later on by a fatigue party from his own Company.

According to Informant Rostron was a very popular chap.

Informant:- Sergeant R.Wilesmith, 1642,
D.Company, 1st Battalion.

Home Address:- 11 Woodstock Street, J.P.O. — CS

W.S.G. WAVERLEY.
Anzac Information Bureau,
SYDNEY.
30.1.19.

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ROSTRON
A. 3167

A.I.F. 1st Battn.

"Killed 18.9.18"

I saw Rostrom, D Coy., H.Q. hit through the pit of stomach by a German sniper about 9.30 a.m. during 18th September stunt - he was standing on the edge of the trench looking at a German major and he fell over on to him. They both died together within two or three minutes of the time he was hit so that he died practically instantly. He was buried by S/B Rose. Rostron:- Very fat, fair, short, used to wear glasses when reading.

Informant:) Pte R.W.Boyce, 6472.
1st Battn. D Coy.

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London
25.4.18

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1st BATTALION, A.I.F.
"D" Company - 10th Rfts.

ROSTRON, Private
A. No. 3157

"Killed 18-9-18".

Informant described Rostron as about 5'7" high, heavy build, fair complexion, aged 25. Informant states that they both belonged to "D" Company, 13th Platoon.

On 18-9-18 the Battalion was in action at Proyart. They hopped over at daybreak, and soon afterwards a gas shell dropped near Rostron and gassed him so badly that he died straight away. Informant was close to him and saw him gassed, but had to keep going. He was buried near where he was killed, three or four others being buried alongside of him and Informant saw the graves later on. The graves were marked and no doubt dresses would have been put up later.

According to Informant Rostron was well thought of by his mates.

Informant;- 3144, Private F. Warren,
"D" Company, 1st Battalion.

Private address;- Rugby Road, NEW LAMBTON, N.S.W.

W.E.C.
Anzac Buffet, Sydney.
17-5-19.

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1st Battn

ROSTRON A.
3157

Killed Sept 18-1918

About 5' 7, stout build, fair complexion, about 25 years of age. He had been awarded the "M.M." in a previous stunt. We were in the line advancing in front of Chaulnes He was in the same Lewis Gun team with me. We had not advanced far through when a shell, landed and killed Rostron outright, He was very popular fellow and well liked by all. I know nothing of burial.

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Inf. 3641 Pte. O'Keefe W.
1st Battn.
Home address Wilton St.
Merewether
N.S.W.

30-5-19.

A.I.F. 1st Battn
10th Rfts

ROSTRON
A. 3157

Whereabouts

Admitted 30th General Hosp Calais 10-7-16 with Blistered Feet
Cert. by Hospital Index.

Rejoined Unit 27-7-16
Cert. by A.I.F.Headquarters 25-10-16.

London
25-10-16.

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1st Batt
10th Bfts
A.I.F.

ROSTRON,
Allan 3157

"WOUNDED"

Adm. Norfolk War Hospital, Thorpe. 15.3.18.

Trans. 1st A.A.Hpl. Harefield 13.4.18.
Cert. by Hpl. Index.

Doing very well.
Cert. by 'phone 23.4.18..

London.
23.4.18.

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To

O/R. Cpl Fudge
B. Co. 1st Battn
a.I.F.

Attached

3157 Pte A. Rostron
1st Battn -
a.I.F.

K 18.9.18

Written 23.11.18
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