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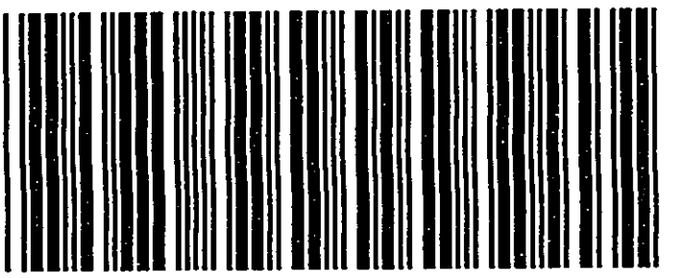
# 560 Sergeant
# Oswald Robert Rowe

## 1st Battalion



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1 A.I.F. D. of W. 5.11.15. Sgt. O.R.Howe
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Promoted from L.Sgt about October. 5 ft 10 - 11. 23-24 years of age, fair, large build.
About 6 or 7 days after return from a spell at Lemnos, as he was having his hair cut in the morning by a man named Ferney a shell burst. They were at the end of a communication trench. It killed a man, who was coming up to the trench and wounded Ferney and Rowe. The latter's leg and body were badly smashed, and he was almost immediately removed to the dressing station. Witness did not himself see the occurrence, but the above was generally known. Witness heard of his death, either same afternoon or next morning.

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Witness saw Rowe wounded by a six inch howitzer ~~at~~ Shrapnel shell on Nov 5. Rowe and three others were cutting each others hair. They were together in a group in Poppy Valley when the shell came over and burst close to their heads. They got the full strength of the explosion. Rowe was very badly wounded on the trunk and thighs. One of the men was killed outright, his name was Young. Witness saw this happen and did not think Rowe could live.

Ref:- Pte S.W.Ferguson, 934, Sig Co, 1st A.I.F.
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Early in November, near Chatham's Post, to the right of the position, Rowe was waiting his turn to have his hair cut a few hundred yards behind the firing line. He was hit by a piece of shell, and informant saw him with another soldier (Fernie) being carried to the beach. About a week later it was reported that Rowe had died on the ship, and later (in January) Fernie told informant at Heliopolis that Rowe had died as stated.

Ref:- Sgt. R.T.Brown, 323,
1st Btn.,
4 A.G.H. RANDWICK.

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**Died of Wounds. 5.11.15.**

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Buried Point Cemetery Ari Burael Section A, Row 7.
Cert by A.I.F. Hdqrs List. 22.8.19.

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