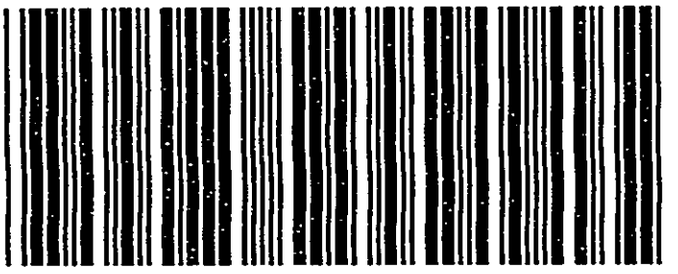
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718 Private Herman Percy Robert Schultz

8th Battalion



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8th BATT. A.I.F. SCHULTZ. H.P.R. 718.

K.April 22nd.1917. Det D/B.

He was in C.Coy, LGS and his christian name was Herman. He was killed in a machine gun outpost at Lagnicourt shortly before the Germans broke through. The shell dropped right into the post killing two, wounding three and leaving only one unhurt. He and another man, Beaton, were buried at the same time in an old outpost in front of the trench. I was in the picket line at the time. I knew him well.

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Ref. --Cpl F.Whelan. 3960.
No 47 Gen. Hospital.

Le Treport. Sept 14th.1917

8th A.I.F. SCHULTZ H.P.R. No.718.

E. 22nd April 1917. Det D/B.

Schultz came from Horsham district of Victoria. His name was Herman. He was a stoutly-built man of medium height and fair hair, looked about 30, ruddy complexion. In front of Queant he was on a Lewis Gun, one Company had taken a strong point and we were in the front line just behind the strong point. There was a heavy barrage and about 9 a.m. a heavy H.E. shell got into the post and killed Schultz instantly. My cousin Beaton was killed with him. I went up to the spot shortly after and saw the body, it was not knocked about at all it was more the blow-back of the shell that killed them. Cpl Rattle and Lieut. Hickson helped to bury Schultz and Beaton who were buried together in a field near where they were killed. It was marked on the map and a cross erected.

Inf:- Pte P.D.Beaton No.6220.
Amb.T. 'Ville de Liege'.
Calais. 17.9.17. EMR.

8th Ba tn
C. Coy. L.M.G.
A.I.F.

Schultz.
H.P.R. 718

"Killed 22.4.17."-

Refer t.o Cp.. F. Rattle 8th Battn C. Coy., Mc/Gunner who is now in France and who buried him and may be able to furnish particulars. of death. I heard that he was killed by a shell near Bullecourt and that death wasinstantaneous.

Witness:-

Pte. R.J.J. Smith. 5770
8th Battn, C. Coy., 10th -lt.
3rd A.A. Hosital,
Dartford.

W. Oman
London
3.9.17.

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Note written Cpl. Rattle. 1.9.17.

A. I. F. 8. SCHULTZ, H.P.R.718.

K. April 22nd, 1917.

He was on a N/C outpost and when I saw him he had been placed on top of the trench and was being covered over preparatory to his being removed by a burial party.

FJR.

Reference:- Jenkins, W.J. 6283. C.IX.
No. 7 Can. Gen. Hosp.

Etaples
12.9.17.

8th A. I. F.,

Schultz, H.P.R. 718,

K. Apl. 22/17. Det: D. & B.

Informant states that on Apl. 22nd 1917 at 10 a.m. Schultz was killed by a shell at Lagnicourt. He was buried in the Right bank of a sunken road on the right off Lagnicourt. Behind and parallel was the sunken road, with the eastern bank between the road and the trench. Schultz was buried in the bank, East of the road."

Eye Witness: Yes of burial.

Description;

Informant:-- Herbert Kelly, 6543,
8th A.I.F.,
2nd London Gen: Hosp:
Chelsea.

Home address:--

22.9.17.
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A. I. F. 8. SCHULZ, H.F.R. 718.

K. April 22nd, 1917.

His name was Hermon, an original man in my platoon. He was killed about April 22nd near Lagnâcourt in our outpost. Next outpost to mine. I saw a shell fall right into it and he was killed instantly. Time about 6 a.m. On e of the men in that outpost was bandaged up by me and told me about Schultz' death. His name is Pte Lawrie Boneham of C.IX, who got badly wounded in leg, who probably has got his ticket for Australia. I think he is buried in a cemetery near Lagnicourt but have not seen his grave.

PHE.

Reference:- Cpl. E.L.Watmuff. 730. C.IX.
No. 1 Can. Gen. Hosp.

Etaples
22.9.17.

8th Battn
A.I.F.

SCHULZ
718 H.P.R.

KILLED IN ACTION 22.4.17"

Re the death of 718 Pte H.P.R. Schulz - He was killed in Action on 22.4.17 while doing his duty as a Machine Gunner. A shell burst in our position and killed him and his comrade named Pte H. Beaton. I buried him and his mate side by side in the field and erected a cross. The grave was registered between Lagnecourt and our Front line. Pte H.P.R. Schulz had fair hair about 5 ft 8" in height and rather stout build. He was well liked by the rest of his comrades and we mourn his loss. He did his duty like a brave soldier and could always be relied upon by his Officers and comrades.

Letter from Cpl F.B. Rattle:
8th Battn A.I.F. France.

London
26.9.17

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6th Btn.

SCHULTZ, H. P. R.
Pte. 718.

Killed in action 22/4/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a well built, man about 28 years of age, and could speak and read German. Casualty was on a Lewis Gun at Lagnicourt. A shell exploded a direct hit on the gun killing three out of the six men including Casualty. He was buried just near the gun. A cross was erected with his name and number. I was an eye-witness. He was well known and liked by all his comrades."

Informant:- Sgt. F. Dance,
No. 1104. 8th Btn.

Private address:-
McKillop Street,
Geelong.

T.C.F.
25/1/18.

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Pte BEATON

C. Coy. 8 Batt~

A.J.F.

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8th Batt A.I.F.

V. 22.4.17

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Cpl F. RATTLES

C. Co
M.G.S.
8 Batt AIF
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for

718 H.P.R. SCHULTZ

L.M.G.S
C. Co
8 Batt AIF

K. 22. 4. 17

B.H. 5.9.17.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY

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54, VICTORIA STREET,

LONDON, S.W. 1.

Cpl F. Rattles
C. Co of
M. G. S. 8. Batt^n A.I.F.
B.E.F

5.9.17.

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries for a man of your Unit

W. H. P. R. Schultz L. M.G.S. C. Co. 8. Batt^n A.I.F. K. 1.22-4-17.

and have been told that you may be able to help us by supplying some information.

We should be most grateful for any details you can send us concerning H.P.R. Schultz but our enquirers wish especially to know whether he was buried, if so, whether it was on the Field or in a Soldier's Cemetery, where the grave would be registered. We should also be glad if you could add a short description of his personal appearance or any points that might help to prove his identity.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vida Lee a Kin.

SECRETARY.

Dec 5
P.C. 1547

Gen Alexander

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10/11/44

To the Next of Kin of Pte. [illegible] Schultz

It is my sad duty to advise you that your husband was killed in action on 22/4/43 and I am writing this letter on behalf of your husband's comrades and myself to express our sympathy in your sad loss.

Your husband died as he lived, a true soldier, and a real pal to all his comrades, and we regret very much his loss.

Yours sincerely,

[illegible]

Lt. H.P. Parker

for Platoon

A.O.C.

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