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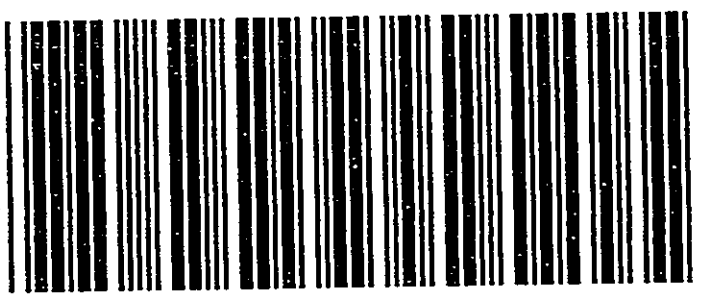
2658 Private
George Arthur Wood

40th Battalion



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40th BATT. A.I.F. WOOD. G. 2658.

K.April 26th.1918.

He had been doctor's batman but left the doctor and went back to D.Coy. He was on an outpost at Mericourt when it was attacked by enemy scouts. He was shot through the head and was brought in.

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Ref ---Sig.Bantoft. 2538. Hq
No 3 Gen. Hospital.

Le Treport. June 20th.1918

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Havre 26th June 1918.

A.I.F. 40. Wood G. No. 2658.

K. 26th April 1918. Bet D/8.

He was in B.Coy. V Pltn. I knew him well, he came from Newtown Hobart, Tasmania. He was a baker. On the 26th April we were at Buire, holding the line. Wood was on a post where I was. One of our own shells fell almost on him. He was killed instantly. He was badly knocked about. His body was taken down to Ribemont and buried in a Military Cemetery there. A cross was put up with his name etc on it. I saw the grave a few days after.

Inf:- Sergt A.J.Whitney No. 2158.
A.I.F. 40. B. Vl.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

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HRG.

Havre. 3rd. July. 1918.

40th. Australians. Wood, G. 2658.
George

K. April. 26/1918. Dets. D/B.

He was in B. Coy. He was Coy Officers Cook. We came out together in the 5th. Reinforcements to the 40th, leaving Melbourne on October 24th 1916. On the 26th. April we were holding the line in Buire. I was about 25 yards from Wood. I saw a shell drop near him killing him instantly. I went up to him & helped to carry him to the D/Station. I saw the Pioneers take his body away next day. I have seen his Grave with a Cross up ay Ribemont Cemetery which is close to the Ribemont Railway Station.

Inf:- Signaller. R. G. Bantoft. 2538.
40th. Australians. H.Q.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

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HPG.

Havre. 19th. July. 1918.

40th. Australians. Wood, G. 2658.

K. April. 26/1918. Dets. D/B.

I knew a man of this name who was M.O's orderly & transferred back from the Company; came from Tasmania, short, nuggety, little man, fair, clean-shaven, quite young. We were holding trenches near the Railway at Buir when a shell dropped in the trench & Wood was killed outright. I saw him the next day at the R.A.P. He was buried by our own Pioneers but I do not know where.

Inf:- G. R. Gourley. 3253.
H. S. 'St. David'.

H.G.S.

WHB.

CP.