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4003 Private Robert Strang

48th Battalion



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48th Batt,
A. I. F.

Strang,
R. 4003.

"Previously reported Wounded"

Killed in Action, 6.8.17 - Previously reported Wounded and missing
Cert, by A. I. F. Headquarters 26.5.17"

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London
2.6.17.

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STRONG. 4003.
Robert.

A.I.F.
48th. Battalion.

"Killed in Action 6.8.16".

No trace Germany.

Cert. by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.

London.
24.10.19.

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48th A. I. F.,

Strang, R., 4003,

W & M Augustn6th 1916.

"I saw Roy. Strang (48.,B.,VII) very badly wounded in the stomach about August 6th in a trench at Pozieres during a bombardment prior to an attack by the enemy. We were holding a trench which we had taken from them two nights before, and they were preparing for a counter attack. They got into our trench but we drove them out again. I was wounded slightly myself, and was sitting beside R. Strang. He was unconscious and was mortally wounded. He could not possibly have lived. We were in O.G. 2 trench. We were relieved shortly afterwards and had to leave him there, as it was quite impossible for us to move him."

Eye Witness: Yes.

Description: Little young fellow about 5ft.

Informant:-- L/Cpl. Willia, Woods, 391,
48th A.I.F., B.Coy., H.Q.,
3rd Southern Gen: Hosp: Base, Oxford.

Home address:-- 186, Hay Street,
Subiaco, West Australia.

3.5.17.
H.M.P.Cambridge.

48th A. I. F. R. STRANG, 4003

Wounded & Missing 6.8.16.

Informant said Bob Strang was in B.Coy. No.5 Plat. and came from Wagin, W.Australia. He was his mate and was with him at Pozieres on August 6th about 4.0 p.m. They were digging in in a trench which had been taken and Informant said Strang was very badly wounded by a shell. A stretcher was sent for but before it arrived another shell burst and Strang was completely buried and, Informant is sure, killed. Informant adds Strang's brother was one who went for a stretcher and he told him some months later what happened. Informant was himself wounded and taken away about the same time.

Reference: Pte.Willis, 4048, B.Coy. No.5 Plat.
No.6 General, Rouen, 8.5.17.

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