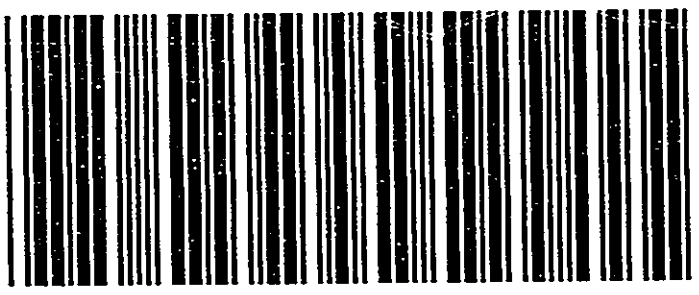
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2470 Private
Edward Cecil Woods

4th Battalion



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WOODS
Edward Cecil 2470

"M. 22-27-7-16"

Killed in Action 25-7-16 - previously reported Missing 22-27-7-16
Cert. by A.I.F.Headquarters 30-6-17.

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WOODS, E.C.
2470 Pte

K.A 25-7-16
Missing 22-27/7/16.

I knew Woods well. He was a very decent fellow. He won the boxing tournament coming over on the ship. He was killed at Pozieres about midday, on the 24th. A shell came over and killed him. He died instantly. He was a Lewis Machine gunner and came over with the 7th Reinf.

Informant: St.John Pte 2445
No.4 Australian General Hospital,
RANDWICK.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

H.S.H.
5/12/17.

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FRANCE.

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WOODS,
Ed.C. 2870.

Missing 22-7-16.

I know Woods; he was in the M.G.S. and his name was Ted. He was killed when his M.G. was blown out by a shell, about 26-7-16, the first attack on Pozieres. His number would start with 24. I did not see it, but heard it from Machine Gunners; Fleming and Mitchell were killed at the same time. Woods was a 7th.Rfts.to the 4th Bn. He was about 5ft.9in. medium complexion, thick set and came from Coff's Harbour, N.S.W. Cpl.Bass, now with the Bn. could give better particulars as he was a mate of Woods.

HSO.

Ref:- Pte. E. Beman, 2571.B.
Conv. Camp. 14 A.D.B.D.,
Etaples. 15-9-16.

Off.M.

France.

A.I.F. 4.A. WOODS, Edward C. 2470.

M. from July 22-27 1916.

Very broad big powerful chap, not very tall, darkish clean shaven, sometimes moustache, sometimes not. About 26, had broken his leg sometime ago which made it very painful for him sometimes on the march. He came over with 7th. Reinforcements. During the attack on Pozieres, on the afternoon of July 22nd, Woods and a man called Joe Wally, were both killed outright by shrapnel. Informant says he passed the body as they were advancing, but doesn't know if they were ever recovered for burial."

Informant: E.E.Weeks. 2461.
No. 2 Australian Hospital.
BOULOGNE. 6.10.1916. JND

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4th. Battn.
A.I.F.

Woods
E. ~~2~~ 2470
Ed Cecil

"Missing 22-27/7/16."

I was with him on the morning of (I believe) the 24/7/16. He was then in best of health and spirits. As he has not been seen since, and from the position I last saw him it is more than probable he has been buried by shell explosion. I have already written his people and intend doing so again. In transmitting this information will you kindly convey my sympathy as he was an esteemed friend of mine I feel his loss keenly

Cert. by letter from Corporal S. F. Bass,
France,
27-9-16.

London
24-10-16

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France.

A.I.F. 4. WOODS. Edward.C. 2470.

M. July 22-27th.1916.

Informant says:-
"I knew him very well. I saw him last on the 21st July in the region of Pozières. After the attack he was missing and has never been seen again. The shelling was very heavy.

Inf:m Sergt.G.L. Scott.
2 nd.Can.Stat.Hosp.
BOULOGNE. 1.12.16. RAOI.

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20th September, 1916.

Corpl.Bass,
4th Australian Inf. Battn.,
B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

We have been told you can give us information about 2470 Pte. C. Woods, who is reported as missing 22/27th 7.16., and about whom we are enquiring.

Our informant says you are a friend of Pte. Wood's, so you may have already written to his people, but we would be much obliged if you would tell us anything you can too, so that they will have two chances of getting the information.

With best wishes,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

V. C

Secretary.

On Active Service

Y.M.C.A. **WITH THE BRITISH EXPEDITIONARY FORCE** Y.M.C.A.

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13 OCT. 1916

France
27-9-16

Re. 2470 Pte E.C. Woods
4th Batt.

M 22.27 | 7/16. S 3

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of your communication dated 20-9-16 in which you enquire re the above named soldier. I was with him on the morning of 1st (I believe) the 24-7-16. He was then in best of health & spirits. As he as not been seen since the position I last saw him. It is more than probable he has been buried by shell explosion. I have already written his people & entrust doing so again. In transmitting this information will you kindly convey my sympathy. As he was an esteemed friend of mine & feel his loss keenly

Yours faithfully
Capt Bass I.T.

17th October

Corp. S. F. Bass,
4th Aust. Inf. Battn.
B. E. F.

Dear Sir,

We have to thank you for your letter of the 22nd September about 2470 Pte E. G. Woods. The news contained in it will immediately be sent on to his people, and also your message of sympathy.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully

Y.D.
Y.D.

Secretary,