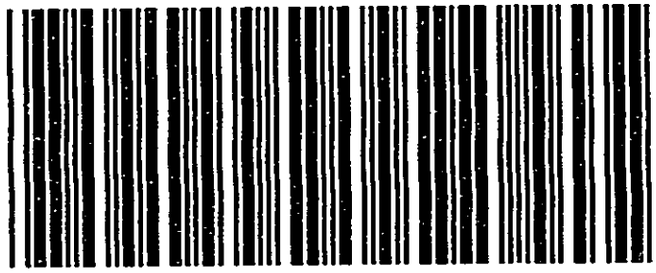
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1835 Lance Corporal Basil Horace Swane

2nd Battalion



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2nd Battn.
A. I. F.

Pte. B. H. 1835.

"Died of Wounds".

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Letter from:-
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No 6 General Hospital.
Rouen. 16.7.17.

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A.I.F. 2nd Btn

SWANS
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2nd Battalion.

SWANE. B.H.
Private 1855.
1835

"Died of Wounds. 23.5.17".

I knew above soldier well - he was in the Battalion Bombers with me. On the 4th May we were at Bullecourt, we were attacking and bombing trenches. He was with me during the early part of the day, and then we separated, and he went further up the trench. In the evening my mate called Harrington, told me that Swane was killed outright by a shell - of course it might be possible that he was mistaken, and that he was only wounded. His christian name was Basil. Fair complexion, about 5'11", medium build.

Informant:- G. Archibald, L/Corporal, 3453,
2nd Battalion.

Home Address:- Erina,
Via. Gosford.

W.M.J.
3.8.18.
No.4, Australian General Hospital,
RANDWICK.

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SWANE, B.H.
Pte. 1835.

DIED OF WOUNDS, 23/5/17.

I knew a man called Swane in "A" Co. - he was Lance-Corporal of the Bombers, and we always called him "Basil". He was about 5 ft.9, medium build, and inclined to be fair. He was wounded by a bullet on 4/5/17 at Bullecourt. I saw him fall, as he was only 3 to 4 yards from me at the time - he was unconscious. We had just reached our objective, and this happened in the captured trench. I saw him also being carried back to the Dressing Station. He was wounded about 3.30 p.m. on 4/5/17, and I heard the next morning that he had died of his wounds. The man I refer to spelt his name Swane and was the only Swane I knew in the Battalion. I was in the Bombers at the time, but not in the same Platoon as Swane.

Informant:- McLEAN, W.J., Pte., 4543,
2nd Battn., A. Co., 11th Pltn.,
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H.S.O.
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Portland, Near Lithgow.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

2nd Battalion.
A.I.F.

SWANE, B.H.
1835

Died of wounds 23/5/17.

The above soldier was a particular friend of mine and was in my Company. In the afternoon of above date we were bombing along a trench at Bullecourt when a piece of shell came into the trench and hit him in the head. He was taken away on a stretcher. I saw him carried away and recognised him - that was the last I saw of him and subsequently heard he had died the same day. He was a slim built lad of fresh complexion and good ~~health~~ teeth, medium complexion. about 22 years of age, he was a native of England. I also knew him on Gallipoli - we were scouts together.

Informant: Murphy, Sgt.Major. 2002
2nd Battalion.
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RANDWICK.

Private address: c/o G.Stewart Esq.
O'Neil Street, Brighton-le-Sands.

W.M.J.
4.5.18.

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