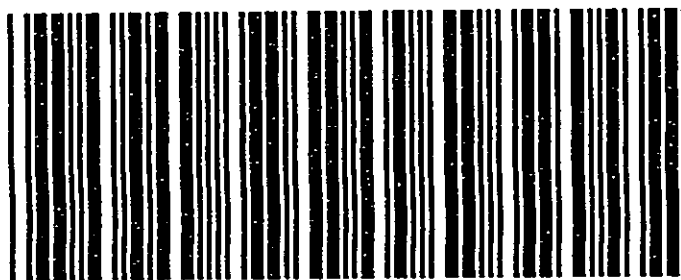


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**2384 Corporal  
John James Swadling**

**36th Battalion**



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SWADLING 2384.  
Cpl. John James.

"Whereabouts"

L/Cpl. J.J. Swadling 36th Bn Died of wounds. 4.7.17.  
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15.10.17

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"WHEREABOUTS"

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Cpl. J. SWADLING. 2384  
R. O. KIRBY. 2392.

D/W. 4.7.17. Det. D & B.  
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Swadling was not in the 35th but the 36th Bn. I was with him and Kirby on a fatigue in supports at Messines on July 4. It was about 10 p.m. and we were going along the trench to ~~the~~ our dug outs, they were about 20 yards behind and got out of the trench on to the top to avoid some broken duckboards. This point I was told by men who were nearer. I heard a shell explode back where they were and I saw Swadling being carried out by the Stretcher bearers. I saw the S/B's bandaging him up about the groin. He was crying out a lot. I heard the Stretcher bearers say Kirby was dead and they had his disc. I heard in the Bn. the next day that Swadling died before reaching the dressing station. Next morning stretcher bearers W. McAlpine and T. Porter of D Co. 36th Bn. brought Kirby's dead body in.

Reference: E. W. Bennett, 2692.  
No. 11 Cpn. Camp Buchy Nr. Rouen 31.10.17.

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36th Battn.  
D.Coy.  
A.I.F.

Swadling.  
Cpl. J. J. 2384

"Died of Wounds 4.7.17"

I saw him wounded between Warneton and Messines Ridge. He was caught by a shell fragment which penetrated his stomach and went right through him. He was fully conscious when I saw him, and was being dressed by Sgt. J. Sheppard who was also slightly wounded by the same shell. He was sent away to the dressing station, where I heard he died. I do not know place of burial and I cannot refer to anyone unless Sgt. Sheppard D.Coy. 36th Battn. who is now in hospital in England can give you details. He is the most likely person I think he would be buried in the Military Cemetery at Neuve Eglise. We were returning from doing fatigue work at time of casualty.

Witness:-

L/Cpl. T. G. Russ 2123

36th Battn. D.Coy. 14th Pltn.

3rd Aust. Aux. Hospital.

Dartford.

W. Oman.

London

20.11.17.

Boulogne.

Note No trace Hpl. Index 19.11.17.

" Written Sgt. Sheppard 19.11.17.

36th A.I.F.

Swadling Cpl. J.J. 2384,  
D. Coy.

(D/W July 4/17 Det D/B)

Swadling J.J. Cpl. is buried at the same place as  
Darey, Pte. M. abt. 200 yds. from the village of Messines<sup>2</sup>.

Eye-witness:

Description:

Informant: Pte. H.C. Hamprod 1152,  
36th A.I.F., D. Coy.,  
1st London General Hospt.,  
Camberwell.  
Home address:  
o/o Mrs. J.A. Parker,  
Broken Hill,  
N.S. W.

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27.11.17,  
E.A. Paul.

Havre

30th November.1917.

36th AUSTRALIANS  
A.Co.

SWADLING, Cpl. J.J. 2384

D/W. July 4th.1917. Det. D/B.

He was in D.Co. He was very dark, and about 5ft 9" in height. I saw him wounded by the same sea shell that killed R.O. Kirby, coming home from fatigue, about July 3rd, on the top of Messines Ridge. He was taken away by the stretcher bearers. His cousin, Corpl. R. Swadling, R.E. of the 36th Batt., (now with the Battalion) had word that he died of wounds. He may know where he is buried.

Informant: Sergt. Conway, R.E. 1091  
36th Australians, D.Co., XVI. Pltn.  
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

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*Boul.*

Havre

13th Dec. 1917.

36th AUSTRALIANS

SWADLING, Cpl. J.J. 2384  
A Co.

D/W. 4.7.17. Det. D/B.

I knew him well. He came from Sydney in the 4th to the 36th as Reinforcements with me in the "Borda", leaving on the 17th Oct. 1916. I saw him wounded by a shell at Messines. We were out on a fatigue in our lines at night, and were marching back to the trenches, when he was hit. I was close to him. He was carried by the Stretcher bearers, Tom Porter, and Pte. McAlpin, of D Co., 16th Pltn. to the Dressing Station in a dugout on the side of the ridge. Porter and McAlpin are with their unit.

Informant: Pte. J.A. Ryan, 2377  
36th Australians, D Co., 16th Pltn.,  
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

RHM

Boul  
Ed. Buff

36th. Batt.

Swadling Cpl. J. J.  
2584

I n my Platoon 14th December. I saw him badly wounded by shell between ten and eleven p.m. in the trench behind supports. He was just coming off a fatigue party with me. He was taken to the D.S. at Company H.Q. on Messines Ridge. I went there afterwards to see him ) he was a pal and found he had died. This was at about 3 a.m. Later I saw his marked grave near this D.S. a longside that of Cpl. Kirby of the same Platoon who was killed the same night.

Inf: French A. 1117.  
10.12.17

London  
27/12/17

Boulogne.



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Sgt. J. Shepherd

10 Coy

36<sup>th</sup> Batta. A. 7. 7.

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Cpl. J. J. Swadling

10 Coy

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