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Captain
Joseph Henry Slater

22nd Battalion



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22nd Battn.
A.I.F.

Slater.
J. H. Captain.

"Killed 3.5.17"

Pte. Paddy Gorman Sec 16. Pltn. 4 A. Coy. told me he saw his body lying at
Bullscourt. He may know details.

Witness:-

H. J. Bennett 6289

22nd Battn.

A.I.F.

Dartford.

L.P.J.

London,
26.11.17.

Note Written Gorman 28.11.17.

M.

22nd Bn.
A.I.F.

SLATER
Capt. J.H.

Killed 3.5.17.

I saw him blown to pieces about 10 yards in front of me during the attack at Bullecourt on May 3rd at about 5 p.m. He was leading the Company at the time. One of the most popular officers in the Battalion. (D.Co.)

Informant:- Pte. A.C. Bruce 789
22nd Bn. A.I.F. D.Co.

London.
9.2.18

M.

A. I. F. 22.

SLATER, Capt. J.H.

K. May 3rd, 1917.

He was killed at Bullecourt on May 3rd. He was wounded previously and was taken into a shell hole and relieved of his equipment. He started for the D/S and on the way back he was killed by M/G fire through the body. I saw him fall and examined his body. He had a big hole right through the body. I went out next night to try to find his body with some other men but we could not find anything except one of his boots. He was O/C, D.Coy.

SA.

Reference:- F.Hancock. 4720. D.Coy.

Selles.

M

Etaples.
20.2.18.

22nd Batta.
A.I.F.

SLATER.
J.H. Capt.

"Killed in Action 3-5-17"

A shell burst over head on the 3rd May 1917 and I saw the shrapnel hit him and think a machine gun played on him. I saw him wounded in the barb wire and he could not get out of it. I got into the trench from that. I believe Capt Slater was found afterwards. I was wounded myself. Description:- Stout, dark, about 12 stone, about 5ft 9.

Informant:- 5365.Pte.O.Hart.
B.Coy. 22nd Batta. A.I.F.
C/O Mr Henry Booth.
Cobtree Cottage.
Ightham. Kent.

London.
17-1-19.
J.E.A.

M.

22nd. Btn.

SLATER, J. H. Capt.

K/A. 3.5.17.

I was in the same Company as deceased. He was hit by a whizz-bang in the chest and killed instantly, at Bullecourt on May 2nd. 1917. I was there at the time and witnessed the occurrence, I was also wounded. Description:- Very stout, about 14 stone, 5'10" in height, played football for the 22nd. Btn. Came from Geelong, Victoria.

Informant:- Pte. G. Bryant, No. 6040,
22nd. Btn.

H. J. Leaver,
H.M.A.T. Mahara.
21.II.19.

9C
Plt PADDY GORMAN

A Coy IV pl

22 A.I.F.

B. 9. 4.

Capt. J. H. SLATER

22 A.I.F.

K 3. 6. 14.

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23. 11. 17