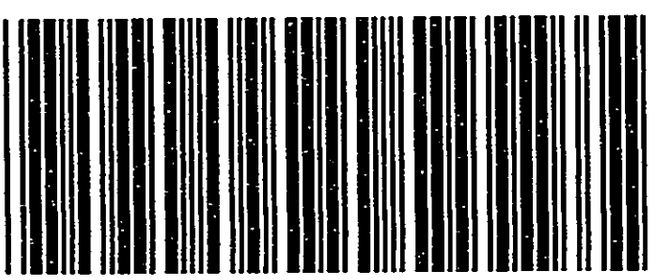
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6345 Private
William John Slattery

8th Battalion



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8th A. I. F. W. J. SLATTERY, 6347

Killed 16.4.17. Det.D/B.

I was informed by Stretcher-Bearer Jenkins of A.Coy. No.3 Platoon, that he was with Slattery when he was killed. He gave no details but said he was with him at the time. Jenkins is still with the Battn.

Referehce: G.Branson, 5050,
No.11 Con.Camp, Buchy nr. Rouen, 8.8.17.

FEP.

Written S/B. Jenkins 18.8.17.

Havre 15th August.1917.

8th AUSTRALIANS SLATTERY, W.J. 6347

K. April 16th. 1917. Det. D/B.

I knew him, but not well, and do not know either his initials or number. He was in B. Co., and VII. Pltn. He was killed outright in the Sunken Road at Monoby where we were entrenched. I do not know where he was buried, but I was told it was off the Sunken Road which ran in front of Monchies, and about 100 yards from Monchies. There were other graves there.

Informant: Pt. Vallance, J.J. 6243
8th Australians, B. Co., VIII.Pltn.
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

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8th Btn.

SLATTERY, W.J.
Pte. No. 6345

Killed in action 16/4/17.

"I saw Casualty killed at Lagnicourt on the 16th April, 1917. We were resting in the road and Casualty went down to get a drink when he was killed by a rifle shot through the head and both legs. I carried him up and buried him at Lagnicourt Road beside Cpl. Willard who was killed by the same shell."

Informant:- C.R.V. Casper
No. 6386, 8th Btn.

Private address
24 Lyall Street,
Bendigo.

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10/10/17.

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Havre 15th August.1917.

8th AUSTRALIANS SLATTERY, W.J. 6347

K. April 16th.1917. Det. D/B.

He was in B. Co., VII. Pltn. He came from Ballerat I had known him for about 7 months. I knew him well and was in the same Section with him. He was called "Billy" by us. He came with the 20th reinforcement to the 8th Battalion. He was a young fellow, and very fair, about 20 years of age. I saw his grave near a ruined village about a mile on the left rear of Lagnicourt, near a Sunken Road. There was a cross with his name, number and Battalion on it. I could point out the spot.

Informant: Pt. P.J. Cashill 6387
8th Australians, B.Co., VII.Pltn.
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

CMR.

8th Btn.

SLATTERY, W.J.
Pte. No. 6345

Killed in action 16/4/17.

"I saw Casualty killed near Bapaume at Moreuil about 16th April, 1917. He was killed by H.E. shell whilst making dugouts in the sunken Road. I did not bury him."

Informant:- T. Hoskins,
No. 5113 8th Btn.

Private address
Bumbannar,
Victoria.

H.A.B.
22/10/17.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

8th Batn
A.I.F.

SLATERY
W J. 6347
6345 (N.Z.)

"Killed 16/4/17"

Re Pte Slatery J. 6347 8th Battalion Killed 16.4.17 at Mouchies France - all information that I can supply you with is, viz:- Personal description height 5ft 9, slight build, fair complexion, blue eyes, fair hair, disposition quiet. He was killed by shell fire about 2 miles behind the firing line, in a sunken road in front of the village of Mouchies. He was buried in the field in front of the village, near where he fell. Cannot inform you as to his burial registration number.

Letter recvd from Cpl A. H. Donnelly 771
8th Battalion
1st Aust Div

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Ack by P/C 3.9.17

8th Btn.

SLATTERY, W. J.
Pte. 6345

Killed in action 16/4/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5 ft. 9 ins. slimly built, fair complexion about 20 years of age. Casualty was sitting in a dug-out near Lagnicourt playing cards. He was about 2 miles from the front line. An H.E. shell exploded a direct hit on the dug-out killing Casualty instantly and L/Cpl. Willard. I was in the dug-out at the time and was slightly wounded by the shell. His chief wounds were about the body and legs. He was buried with L/Cpl. Willard near where he fell. I was an eye-witness. He was well known and liked by all his comrades."

Informant:-. W. J. Kinnersley,
No. 6541.

Private address:-
225 Humphrey Street,
Ballarat East.

T.C.F.
23/2/18.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU—MELBOURNE.

8th Btn.

SLATTERY, W. J.
Pte. 6345

Killed in action 16/4/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a tall man, thin, dark complexion, about 20 years of age. Casualty was sitting in a dug-out at Morchies when a shell exploded outside the dug-out killing Casualty and Cpl. Woollard instantly. He was buried about 20 yds. from where he was killed. I was an eye-witness. He was well known and liked by all his comrades."

Informant:- R. Blockford,
No. 1666, 8th Btn.

Private address:-
38 Cameron Street,
Richmond.

T.C.F.
19/1/18.

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S/Bearer J. ENRINS,
1. Coy. 3. Platoon,
8. Batt^n A.I.F.
B.E.F.

For
6347
Pte W. J. SLATTERY
8. Batt^n A.I.F.

K. 16. 4. 17.

21.8.17
K.H.M.
X-Z

ack'd 5.DC
2.9.14. P.L.

France 28/8/17

Dear Madam

In answer to your letter dated 21/8/17
re: Pte Slattery J. 6347, 8th battalion, killed 16/4/17 at Karchies
France, all information that I can supply you with, is - viz,
personal description, height 5'9, slight built, fair completion
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in front of the village, near where he fell, cannot inform you
as to his burial registration number, this concludes full particulars
regarding any knowledge of the above soldier description

Yours Sincerely
Cpl. J. Donnelly. A. R.
No 441
8th Battalion
1st Australian Division

6347 W. J. SLATTERY.
8 Battalion
A.I.F.
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