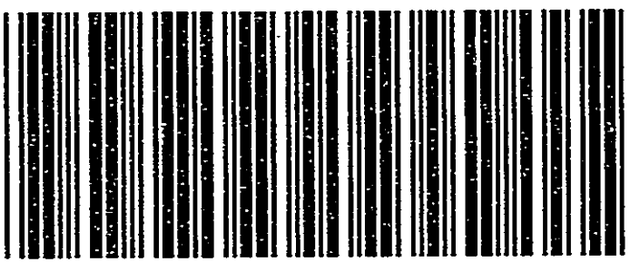
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4927A Private
Walter Robert Childs

5th Battalion



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5th Batn
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CHILDS
W.R. 4927

"Killed 14.12.16."

Killed at Grasce Trenches by shell-bit of shell through heart. or lungs. Dead almost at once, I took his diso pay book papers etc., from his body, We were relieved that night so do not know where buried.

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5th AUSTRALIANS CHILDS, W.R. 4927

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He was in A. Company. I know him well. He had been in Egypt in a Cyclists Battalion. He came from Victoria. He was short and dark haired. Age about 19 or 20. He came over in the 14th Reinforcements to the 8th Battalion. He was killed in Grease Trench in front of Gueudecourt just before Christmas 1916. He was blown to pieces by a shell and there was nothing to bury. Several chaps who were in the trench at the time told me about him as he was a friend of mine.

Informant: L/Cpl. Abernethy R.H. 5027
5th Australians C.Co. 9th Pltn
Australian Camp, Ronelles

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5th Battn.
A.I.F.

CHILDS
W.R. 4927

"Killed 12-12-16"

We were in the front line trench, holding the line at Gudicourt. Childs was blown to pieces by a shell while in a dugout. We were in Cyclists together, then we were transferred to the 5th Battn. I saw him, he came from the Murray district, short and rather stout, dark hair. He was not buried.

Informant. Allison Pte. J. 5033
5th Battn. A.I.F.
France.
War Chest.

F.Mackay
London
1-3-18

Note:--
We regret the delay in typing the above report, but we have been obliged to hold it up on account of pressure of work and shortage of machines.

5th Battalion. No 4927 - Pte.W.R.Childs

Killed in Action December 14th, 1916

"He was killed instantly by shell fire at Hill Trench Gue~~d~~icourt and buried about one mile to the South of Gue~~d~~icourt with a cross."

Informant:- Lieut. F.B. Conway,
5th Battalion.

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