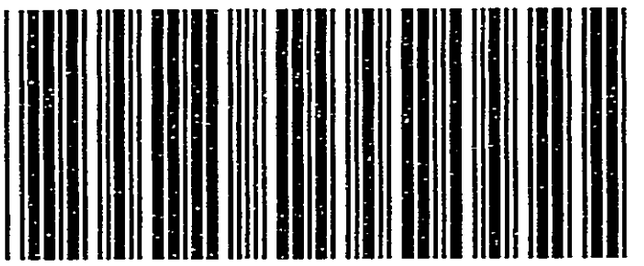
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Lieutenant
Raymond Scott Evatt

20th Battalion



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20th Battn.
A.I.F.

EVATT.
R.L. Lieut.

"Killed in Action 20-9-17"

I was with the Battalion in the Passchendaele fighting when in the evening of Sept 20th 1917 this Officer with a Private (whose name I cannot remember) but who came over with the 21st Rfts and was a bit of a boxer) attemped to rush a machine gun post but were both killed. I saw the Officer after he was dead, but I do not know where he was buried. Enquire from the Battalion.
The ground was held.

Eye-Witness:- Yes - of death.
Description:- Came over with 21st Rfts.

Home address:-
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South Coast.
H.Norman:S.Wales.
London.
19-12-18.
J.E.A.

Informant:- Egam.E.6315. Pte.(Reliable)
20th Battn.A.I.F.
1st Birmingham War Hpl.
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A.I.F. 20th Battn.

EVATT
R.S. Lieut.

"KILLED IN ACTION 20.9.17"

Buried North of line of Pillboxes West of remains of ruined houses and west side of Pillboxes - Nr Corner of Garden near Pillboxes Cemetery 3 miles E.N.E. of Ypres 2 miles N.E. of Hillibeke
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs List 6.12.18

London
6.12.18

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20th. Battn: Evatt, Lt: R.S.

K. 20/9/17.

He was my platoon officer. I saw him killed outright being riddled by M.G. bullets while leading us at Ypres. Mr. Evatt and Major Hoskins were buried together in a shell hole in Brunseinde ridge. I saw the crosses that were to be erected on their graves.

Robinson, G.J. Pte. 5633.

20th. Battn:

A. 15. Dartford. 5/12/18.

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A.I.F. 20th Battn.

EVATT
R.S. Lieut.

"Killed 20.9.18."

He was in D. Coy. I did not see the Casualty. He was killed with Major Hoskins of the same Company, a shell exploded beside them, death being instantaneous in both cases.

They were leading the Company in an advance; both were very popular with the men. They had both come from New South Wales. I saw their graves at Passchendale Ridge which was marked by a cross in the field having full particulars thereon. Both these Officers were buried together.

Informant:- Pte. J.G. Rossell, 4263,
20th Battn. A. Coy,
3rd A.A. Hospital,
Dartford.

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London.
17.12.18.
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20th BATTALION, A.I.F.
A.Coy.

Lieutenant R.S. EYATT. (late No.179).

"KILLED, 20.9.17."

Informant states that they both belonged to D Company, 16th Platoon, of which the Lieutenant had charge.

On 20.9.17 the Battalion was in action about 4 kilometres from Ypres, it being the first big operation during the Passchen--daele stunts. They hopped over about 5 a.m. and had only advanced about 50 or 60 yards when the Lieutenant was killed outright by Machine Gun fire while leading his platoon. They were in the first attacking wave, the Lieutenant being about 5 yards in front of his men, and Informant saw him fall and passed him in the advance. He was picked up and the Pioneers told Informant that they had buried him in the same grave as Major Hoskins, quite near to where they fell. In spite of tremendous shelling, to which they were subjected, the objective was captured.

According to Informant, The Lieutenant was a very popular officer and greatly liked by his platoon, and was every inch a soldier.

INFORMANT: Private J. J. Hegarty, 6109,
D.Coy, 20th Battalion, A.I.F.

Home Address; 16 Hegarty Street, GLEBE.

W.E.G.
27.3.19.

No.4 Australian General Hospital, RANDWICK.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

A.I.F.
20th. Battalion.

EVATT. Lieut.
Raymond Scott.

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