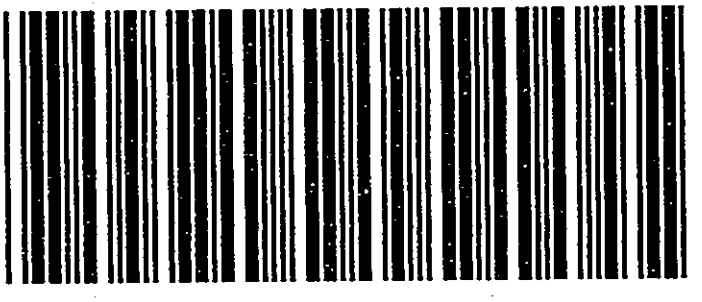
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2nd Lieutenant
John Leslie Tooth

13th Machine Gun Company



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13th M/C Gun Coy,
A.I.F.

TOOTH.
J.L. 2nd Lieut.

"Killed 8.6.17."

I saw him killed at Messines, he was shot through the head death being instantaneous. I knew him well, because I was his batman. He was very popular. . I do not know place of burial but refer to Lieut.Cawley, 18th M/C GunCoy, who is still in France and who saw him killed and knows place of burial.

Witness:-
Pte.W.A.Rowse, 288,
13thM/C Gun Coy,
3rd Aust. Aux. Hosp,
Dartford.

W.Oman,
London.
15.8.17.

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NOTE:- written Lt. Cawley. 13.8.17.

13th Mc/Gun Coy.
A.I.F.

Tooth
2nd Lieut. J.L.

"Killed 8.6.17."

I saw him dead at Messines He had been shot through the heart wi a bullet. Death was instantaneous. I do not know place of burial but refer to Cpo. P.J. Cananagh 13th Mc/Gun Coy. who is in France and who can give particulars.

Witness:p Pte. V.T.M. Evans. 2647
13th Mc/Gun Coy.
3rd A.A. Hospital,
Dartford.

W. Oman,
London.
6.9.17. S.

Note see Lieut. Cowley's letter.

13th M. Gun C oy
A.I.F.

Tooth
J.L. 2nd Lieut

"Killed in Action 8.6.17."

re 2nd Lieut J.L. Tooth 13th Mc/Gun Coy. This officer was attached to me during the attack on Messines and was killed in Action during the advance on the afternoon of 7.6.17. I arranged to have him buried where he was killed as no cemetery was in the vicinity. I also had a cross made with the inscription 2nd Lieut J.L. Tooth 13th A.M.G. Co killed in action 7.6.17. and also tied a letter addressed to the Graves Registration Dept for their information. To prove his identity i might state that I personally took charge of his personal effects, pay book, etc., and handed them over to the O.C. Company. I will hbe pleased to give you any further information should this be insufficient for your purpose.

Letter from:) G. Cowley.
13th A.M. G. Coy
France 20.8.17.

London.
6.9.17. S

13th Machine Gun Coy
A.I.F.

TOOTH
J.L. 2nd Lieut

"Killed 8.6.17"

I saw him killed at Messines by a bullet which caught him in the head, death being instantaneous. I saw his grave at Messines, and it was marked by a cross bearing his rank, name and Unit.. His belonging were taken by Lieut Cowley of the same Coy, who said he would forward them on to his people..

Witness Pte T.J. O'Driscoll 2752
13th M/Gun Coy,
3rd A.A.Hosp, Dartford.

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W. Oman.
London 21.9.17.

13th M.G.C.
A.I.F.

Tooth 2/Lt. J.L.

(K. June 8/17 Det. D/B)

Lt. Tooth was killed on the 13th Bde. Sector in the Messines Stunt. He was shot through the heart and killed instantly. He is buried close by. I did not see him killed but I saw his whistle and other things afterwards which had been hit by the bullet.

Eye-witness: No

Description:

Informant: Pte. F.H. Challinger 4917,
13th M.G.C. A.I.F.,
Duston War Hospt.,
Northampton.

28.9.17,
E. McKinnell.

10.8.17

Lieut CAWLEY

13 Mach Gun Co
A NF
B E F

for

2 Lieut J. L. TOOTH
13 M. Gun Co

K. 8.6.17

E. C. M.
14.8.17.

Received 3 P.C. 29.8.17

2/Lt J. L. TOOTH
13 M.G. Co
Killed 8-6-17

France,
20. 8. 17

13th Machine Gun Coy

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The Secretary,
Anglo Red Cross Society,
London

Dear Madam,

Yours of the 14th inst to hand re 2/Lieut J. L. Tooth 13th Machine Gun Coy. This officer was attached to me during the attack on Messines and was killed in action during the advance on the afternoon of 7/6/17 I arranged to have him buried where he was killed as no cemetery was in the vicinity. I also had a cross made with the inscription 2/Lieut J. L. Tooth 13th M.G. Co - Killed in action 7/6/17, and also fixed a letter addressed to the Graves Registration Unit for their information. To prove his identity I might state that I personally took charge of his personal effects, pay book etc handed them over to the O/C Company.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst, and regret very much to learn of the death of 2nd Lieut. J. L. Tooth, 13th Machine Gun Company, which occurred on the 7th June last.

I am, Madam,
Your obedient Servant,

acknd by D.C. 29.8.17 E.L.

2/Lt J. L. TOOTH
13 M.G. Co
K in A 7-6-17

France,
20.8.17
13th Aust. M.G. Coy

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The Secretary,
Australian Red Cross Society,
London

Dear Sir,

I have to forward herewith particulars and effects of the late 2/Lieut J. L. Tooth 13th Machine Gun Coy. This officer was attached to me during the attack on Messines and was killed in action during the advance on the afternoon of 7/6/17. I arranged to have him buried where he was killed as no cemetery was in the vicinity. I also had a cross made with the inscription 2/Lieut J. L. Tooth 13th A.M.G. Co - killed in action 7/6/17, and also ties a letter addressed to the Graves Registration Unit for their information. To prove his identity I might state that I personally took charge of his personal effects, pay book etc & handed them over to the O/C Company.

I have the honour to be Sir, Your obedient servant, D. Pontifex Lt Col