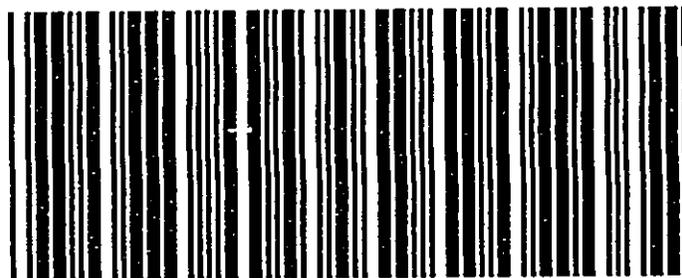


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2727 Private
Alfred Charles Roth

52nd Battalion



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A.I.P.
52nd Bn.

ROTH
Alfred Charles 2727

Killed in Action 17.10.17.

No trace Germany.
Cert. by Capt. Mills 10.10.19.

London.
22.10.19.

MSB

CAF

CHURCH

M & B.
Cause of Death

ANALYTICAL LIST
DEATHS

Havre.

4th. May. 1918.

52nd. Australians.

Roth, A. C. 2727.

X. October. 17/1917. Dets. D/B.

He was in A. Company. I knew him only by sight. I think he came from Queensland. He was about 6 feet 11, dark, clean-shaven, thickish ~~hair~~ set, about 52. On the 17th. October we were holding the line support line at the village of Gravensteffol, in the Ypres Sector. I heard that Roth was killed. I saw his Grave in the open; there was a rough wooden Cross with his name etc on the Grave. There was a German Cemetery near by. I would be able to point out the place.

Inf:- Private. M. C. Ryan. 3650.
52nd. Australians. A. 4.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

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52nd Batt. A.I.F.

Roth.A.C, Pte, NO.2727.

A,Coy,

Killed Oct 17th 1917, Det, D,B.

I saw him killed by a shell, he was badly knocked about, this happened whilst we were in the front lines in front off Passchendaele. He was buried close to where he fell, by a party from the coy, A temporary cross was erected with particulars written in indelible pencil. I knew him in the coy, he came over with the 7th or 8th reinf of the ba batt, He came from Queensland.

Description. Age. 25. Height. 5-7, Complexion. Fair. Medium Built.

Witness. Sgt, Booth.W.C. NO.3534. A.Coy. 52nd Batt.

S.Whitmee.
NO.4.Command Depot
Hurdcott.

Taken at
NO,3,C,D,Hurdcott.
9-5-18.
F.G.H.

1 hour copy

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58th A. I. F.

Roth, Pte A.C. 2727,
A. Coy

(K. Oct. 17/17. Det: D & B)

"I was with the Battalion at Passchendaele on or about the 17th Oct. 1917 when I saw a shell burst right in the dug out in which Roth and another man named O'Neill were sheltering. I was only about 9' away as we were in alternate holes for men. Roth was blown to pieces about 8 o'clock in the morning the occasion being impressed on my mind as we were being relieved at night. His death was instantaneous and his body was covered over by Sergt Hope and several others. He was buried at Passchendaele a cross of rough wood being put up but I cannot say if his name was put on it. The ground was held."

Eyewitness: Yes Description:

Informant: Pte Daniel O'Donnell, 2232,

58th A.I.F. A. 3,

1st Southern General Hospital,
Edgbaston, Birmingham. M

16th May 1918.

Arthur Allen. B

Cit - 20/1

Havre

28th May 1918.

A.I.F. 52.

Roth A.C. No. 2727.

K. 17th Octr 1917. Det D/B.

He was in A.Co. III Pltn. We were at Passchendaele on the 17th Octr and Roth was in the trenches when a shell lobbed in and buried him. Sergt. Hope of the 52nd Battn A.Co. I Pltn, helped to dig him out, and they then buried him properly. Sergt Hope told me this the same day. He is now C.M.S. of A.Co. Roth was a little chap, dark, came from Eidsvold, Queensland.

Inf:- Eto G.O. England No. 2420.

A.I.F. 52. A. I.

H.S. 'Western Australia'.

C/S.

1 copy
Written Q/M/S Hope 6.6.18.

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Roth A.C. 2727

52nd A.I.F.

(K. Oct. 17th 1917. Dets D/B.)

"At Broodseinde Ridge, Zonnebeke, on 17th October 1917 in the daytime, Roth was killed in the support line by a shell. He was killed instantly, and was buried where he was killed and a cross was put over his grave. I knew him. He was a private in A Coy. I Pltn."

Eye witness Yes.

Description: 5 ft. 6 ins., dark hair and complexion, moustache, 26 or 27 years.

Informant: Lt. Chris J. Ivory, 52nd A.I.F.,
Then A now B. Coy., I Pltn.,
3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth.

June 5.1918.

E. Liddell.

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Ed
Liddell

52nd Battn.
A.I.F.

ROTH
A.C. 2727

"Killed in Action 17-10-17"

Re 2727 Pte. A.C. Roth, 52nd Battn. The above soldier was killed by a shell on Broodseinde Ridge. I helped to dig his body out, but as he was terribly knocked about, we buried him where he was killed. His grave is near the top of the Ridge, about a mile from Zonnebeke and is marked by a small Cross with his name written on it. I am quite sure as to his identity, as I saw him a few moments before the shelling, and I saw the shell explode where he was lying.

Letter from:- Hope. C/Q/M/Sgt. S. 2674
FRANCE. 12-6-18

London
20-6-18

M. & B.

(6.6.18)

O/M/S Hope

A Coy I Ptn

52nd Batta G.I.F

Abroad

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Plt A C Roth

A Coy III Ptn

PQ

52nd Batta G.I.F

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A. C. Roth
52nd Batta
Hut 14. 15. 17

France
12 June '18

Secretary
Aust. Red Cross Society
London. (Wounded Enquiry Bureau)

Dear Madam,
52 Batta.
re No 2727 P. Roth A.C.

The above soldier was killed by a shell on Broad Scinde Ridge. I helped to dig his body out but as he was terribly knocked about we buried him where he was killed. His grave is near the top of the ridge about a mile from Zonnebeke and is marked by a small cross with his name written on it. I am quite sure as to his identity as I saw him a few moments before the shelling and I saw the shell explode where he was lying.

Yours faithfully
S. Hope comd no 2674