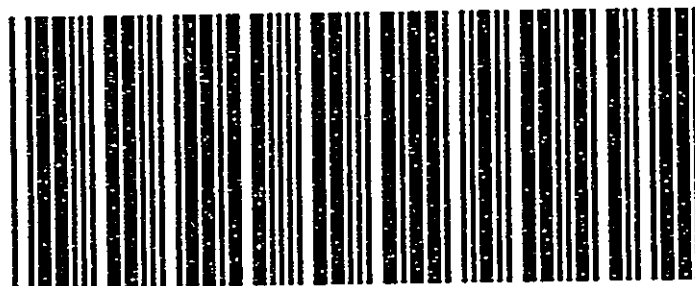


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**5762 Corporal
Harry Stanley
Cochrane**

14th Battalion



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14th Battn.
A.I.F.

COCKRAFE.
H.S. 5762.

"Killed 4-7-18"

He was of C. Company. XI Platoon. At Vaire Wood, Hamel, Early in morning of 4th July after our attack. Killed outright by machine gun bullet, hit in head. I was about 50 yards away on the left at the time. We were digging in at the time. He and Lieut Woods had gone out to locate a machine gun post that was playing on us. Lieut Woods was hit and died of wounds. 2 days later Battalion left that sector and went across to left of Hamel. About 3 weeks later I had a cross made and tried to get out to bury him, but 2nd Division, who had taken over this front would not allow me to go out, owing to position being too close to enemy's lines.

Informant:- Sgt. B.V. Wilkins. 3413.
14th Battn. H.Q.
ANZAC BUFFET.

A.D.G.
London.
20-9-18.
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SOCHRAM
E.F. 5762

"1st Lon. Gen. Wpl Jan-Feb"

Admitted Norfolk War Hospital 10-2-17 - wounded right arm

Trans - Southall Hospital 3-3-17

Discharged to duty and furlough 3-3-17
Cert. by Hospital Index

London
20-3-17

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14th Battn.
A.I.F.

COCHRANE
H.S. 5762

"Killed 4-7-18"

He was in C.Coy. I did not see him killed, for he was with 13th Battn. when killed. We were in supports at the time, and he went along to 13th Battn. to see some of the chaps he knew, and did not return. We remained there for 2 days and on enquiry we found out that they had sent word down that he had been killed, and was buried near Vaire Wood, to the left of Villers-Bretonneux, and that the grave was marked by a Cross having full details marked thereon. This Cross was sent along by the Pioneers of 14th Battn. I cannot give any details of casualty. Refer to his brother L/Cpl.W.Cochrane, C.Coy. 14th Battn., and now in France, for when the Battn. came out he was informed of his brother's death,

Informant. Osborne. Pte.C. 761
C Coy. 14th Battn.,
3rd A.A.H.,
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5th Sept 1918.

Cockrane H.S. 5762.

K. 4th July 1918. Det D/B.

I knew him well, he was killed by a shell at Hamel. We had just gained our objective and held the line. He was lying near a trench when I saw him, but I can't say where he was buried.

Inf: - L/Cpl O.A. Batey No. 6478.
A.I.F. 14. C. XI.
Australian Conv. Depot.
Rouelles.

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COCKRANE, H.S. 5762.

K. July 4th 1918. Dets.

He was my brother and at Hamel on the 4th July last, we were attacking at daylight; after we got over to our objective he was hit by a German sniper and killed just about 100 yards away from me. He was buried near by together with Lieut Woods, by some men of the 13th Btn. I wrote home to my people in Melbourne, Victoria about it.

Inf: W.D.Cockrane. 57621.

No. 8 Stat Hosp.

BOULOGNE. 17.8.1918. SPT

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14th A. I. F.

L/Cpl. H.S. Cochrane, 5762
A. Coy. 12 Pl.

K-A 4-7-18

"I saw H. S. Cochran killed by bullet just after the attack on Vaire Wood in front of Viller Brettonneaux on the 4th July 1918. He lived a very little while and he was buried near Armians."

Eye witness Yes

Description: ~~Art.~~ 5ft. 6ins. or 7. fair slim build.
has a brother in No. 10 pl. c Coy.

Informant Cpl. E Bishop 294
14th A. I. F., C. Coy. 9 pl.
Norfolk War Hospital
Norwich.

Home address 3, Ewing Street,
Brunswick, Victoria.

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15. 8. 18.

J. R.