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1914–1919

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Name: James Englisby

Born at: Pluctordn Athboy Co Meath Date of birth: Jun^th 20 1896

Present address: Pluctown athboy Co Meath

My occupation at the outbreak of the war was: Farm Labour

I took part in the battles of the Somme on the following dates:
3 third of September 1916 Badly Wounded

Places of combats on the Somme front: Trons Wood - Gullymont

Awarded D.C.M at battle of Pethoon

I took also part in the following battles: Battle of lewis
20 of December 1915
wounded on the 20 March at Pethoon

Rank: lance Corperl Rgt & Btn: 7 leinsters. regt.

Coy: 16 Irish Division Division: no2 platoon A Comp^y

I have been wounded at: the Somme And Pethoon

Décorations &/or Citations:

Distinguished Conduct Medal
(D.C.M)
at battle of Somme

additional notes James English

First time in action - 5 days in muddy trenches, no trench boards at Lewis, no sleep or rest, not much food. March 1916 moved up to Pethoon to relieve an English division. In front line trenches for a month. Got a flesh wound on arm at Pethoon end, spent 20 days in hospital. On return to front line, all my old comrades were almost completely killed or wounded. All service transport was by horse or mule. at the battle of the Somme, the transport was motorised where possible, mainly by the sunken road in a foot of muck. After being wounded I was lying in the trenches for 5 days without any medical attention, food or water. The ambulance got stuck in the sunken road, as it was struck by a shell, killing 2 patients. My big toe and some of the foot was blown off in action. I spent 10 months in hospital and was then discharged as medically unfit for military service.

The winter of 1915-16 was very hard, snow, rain and frost, many of the men suffered from frostbite.

I was awarded the D.C.M at the Somme for carrying a badly wounded officer from no mans land back to the safety of the trenches under heavy fire

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