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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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1882 Private George Thomas Boothman

45th Battalion



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45th. Battn.
A.I F.

BOOTHMAN.
G.T. 1882.

"Killed October 2/17.

I saw him dead hit in the head with a rifle grenade at Ypres in a dug-out. I saw his grave with a cross over it and his name on it He was buried in a cemetery at Ridgewood. As there were plenty of Padres about most probably prayers were said. He came from New S. Wales and I believe his people were farmers. He was about 5ft. 10" medium complexion. He was ~~about~~ a L/Cpl. once but not as far as I know at the time he was killed.

Reference :- G.H. Walker, 2027,
45th. Battalion,
Harefield. Ward. 37.
18/4/17.

London.
25.4.17.
W. Alison.

S.

45th Batt.
A.I.F.,

BOOTHMAN
G.T. 1882

"Killed 2.10.16"

Pte A.E.Mann of same Co. D.told me he helped bury him and can give details. It was round Ypres. They were close friends and came from Canowndra N.S.W. Mann was wounded in Feb. and may still be in hospital in England .

Reference:- W.H.Lowe, 1950
45th Batt. A.I.F.,
2.5.17.

Note: Written Pte A.G.Mann 7.5.17.

London
8.5.17.
P.J.

S.

A. I. F. 45. BOOTHMAN, C.T.1882.

K. October 2nd, 1918.

He was killed at Ypres on October 2nd by a bomb while in supports. He died within half an hour of being hit. I saw his body lying in a dugout into which he had crawled after being hit. I helped to put his dead body on a stretcher. The top of his head was blown away. He came from the southern part of N.S.W. - Kanowna way. He belonged to XV pl. D.Coy. I knew him quite well and came over from Australia with him.

SA.

Reference:- Pte. F.Doyle. 1009. D.Coy.
No. 4 A.D.B.D.

Etaples
11.9.17.

45th Batt. A. I. F.

BOOTHMAN G. T. 1882.
"C" Coy.

". K. Oct 2nd'16. D & B " .

" I saw Boothman's grave in the Ridgewood Cemetery on the Ypres front. It had a cross erected over it, bearing his name, number, and battalion. I knew him well, and we were in England together. He was a L/Cpl. "

Description. Hgt. 5ftII. Fair complexion.

Witness. O'Connor D. 1663.
45th Batt. "C" Coy.

May 15th.,'17.
S. W.

Worgret Camp,
WAREHAM.

45th A. I. F.,

Boothman, Pte. G.T., 1882,

K. October 2nd 1916. Det: D. & B.

"I believe Boothman was killed at Ypres on the 1st or 2nd October, 1916, and that he was buried at the Cemetery near Ridgewood. I went to the Cemetery myself a few days after the 1st or 2nd October, and saw Boothman's grave. It was marked with a peg inscribed with his name and number. His number was eighteen hundred and something or nineteen hundred and something. There was no cross then erected, but very shortly afterwards I saw a wooden cross being sent up to the cemetery to be placed on Boothman's grave. I did not see Boothman dead."

Eye Witness:
Description: Young, tall, fair, clean shaven, comes from Bathurst, New South Wales.

Informant:-- Pte. Stephen Tracey, 1674,
45th A. I. F., A. Coy.,
1st Southern General Hosp:
Edgbaston, Birmingham.

Home address:-- Coonabarabran, New South Wales.

23.5.17.
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45th Battalion. A.I.F.
3 R.

BOOTHMAN, G.T.
2882. Pte

Killed in Action 2/10/16.

I did not know Boothman but I remember making a Cross with that name on it for a 45th Battalion man about the beginning of October 1916. It was erected on a grave in Ridgewood Cemetery near Ypres. He was not killed in any big action, but by a chance shell in the salient. I did not see the body.

Informant: Chambers, F. 2576.
45th Battalion.
No.4 General Hospital,
RANDWICK.

A careful reliable witness.

H.S.O.
31/7/18.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

The above Report may be of little use but Chambers was a very careful reliable sort of witness and seemed quite certain of what he said.

45th Battalion.
3rd Reinf.

BOOTHMAN, G.T.
1882 Pte

Killed in Action 2/10/16.

Informant states that Pte Boothman was killed on Oct.2nd 1916 by a trench mortar while in reserves just behind the front line. He was lying in a dug out at the time and the shell exploded at the mouth of the dug out. Informant carried him out of the dug out and he died on the way to the dressing station at Dickebusch in Belguim. He was buried in the cemetery there and a cross put over his grave. He came from the Blayney-Harden district. He was tall and fair and very popular with the Coy. (D.Co.)

Informant: Connolly, P. Pte 1899
45th Battn. D.Co.
No.4 Australian General Hospital,
RANDWICK.

C.E.W.
7.1.18.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

HOSPITAL

To Pte A.E. MANN
45th
D. Coy.
Batt. C.I.F.
B.E.F.

To Gnr. G. I. BOOTHMAN. 1882
45th Batt. C.I.F.
Killed 2-16-16.

W.P.
7.5.17.

HOSPITAL First London

Did Informant know Christian Name, Initials or No?	Exactly as in Enquiry List	Regim. Man's Nam. Nature
Harry H.	24th Battalion A Company	
Any other man of same name in Battalion, Battery or Company? — no.		

Informant states that :—On 2
at the Ridge near Mouquet F
killed by a shell, [illegible]
time in carrying bo
buried, but here was
ceremony.

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Note.—Out details & grounds on which this statement is given, as far as is reasonably practicable.

N.B.—IF INFORMANT mentions another man, give No.,

DESCRIPTION OF MAN, Scars, Nickname, &c.	Was the ground after
—	Heid

Date of Report and Visitor's signature.	VISITOR'S OPINION OF INFORMANT, intelligent, reliable, unnerved, &c. ?
23.4.1917. L. Rors London/258	Reliable and intelligent.