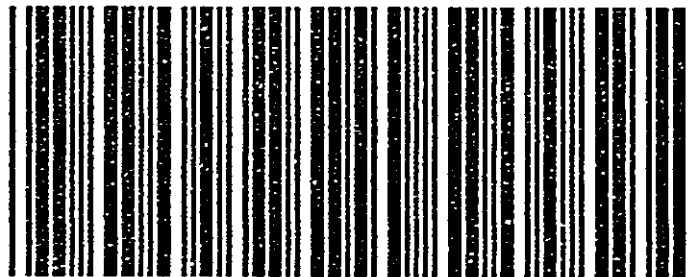


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**2525 Lance Corporal  
Albert Henry Winton  
Bassman**

**42nd Battalion**



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BASSMAN 2525  
Albert Henry Winton 137

"K/action"

Killed in action 24.4.18  
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 3.6.18.

London  
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42 A.I.F.

Bassman, L/Cpl. A.E.W. 2525  
B.Co.

(K. Apr. 24/18.) Det. D/B.

I saw L/Cpl. Bassman after he was killed by the bursting of a shell. He was buried in the Old Military Cemetery at Bonny on the Somme, and a cross was put on his grave. He was very badly wounded and died about an hour afterwards on April 24th 1918.

Eye Witness: Yes.

Description: Tall, stout, brown hair, about 25 years of age.  
Clean cut features.

Informant: Pte. Reginald Bell 2423  
42 A.I.F. B.Co. 711 Pl.  
Military Hospital  
Devonport.

Home address:  
Kowguran  
Western Line  
Queenstown.

20.6.18.  
W.A.Rudge.

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42 Australians.

BASSMAN, A.H.W. 2525 (Pte)

K. Apr. 24/18. Det. D/B.

"I was present when Bassman was hit by a gas shell. He lived for about an hour afterwards. He was in a dug out assisting the Doctor who attended to him on the spot."

Eyewitness. Yes.

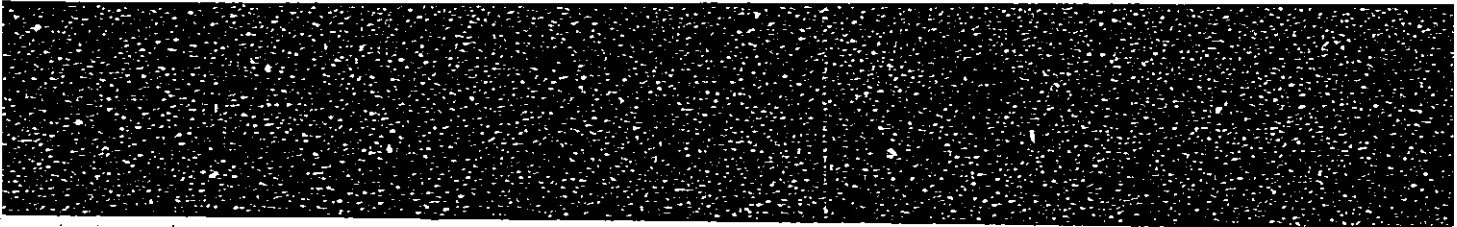
Description.

Informant. Cpl. J.C. Williams, 240  
Home address. 42 Australians.  
Loch Nair, Kitchener's Hospital, Brighton.  
Curleurs,  
N.S.W. Australia.

22/6/18.  
F.R. Harmar.

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42nd A.I.F.

Bassman Pte. A.H.W. 2525

(K. April 24th 1918 Dets D/B )

"Bassman was attached to the A.M.C. He was hit by a shell near the "Chimney-stack," between the villages of Heley and Bonny on the Ancre, and died very soon after. He was buried in the cemetery near either Bonny or Heby but I think at Heley. He came originally from Northern River, N.S.W. and had relatives at Ballina where I live."

Eye witness: Yes.

Description: Fair, clean-shaved, rather stout.

Informant: Pte. W.R. Mitchell, 2361,  
42nd A.I.F., B V.,  
Horton Hospital, Epsom.

Home address: Martin Street,  
Ballina,  
Richmond River,  
N.S.W.

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23.6.18.  
J. MacMahon.

Havre

A.I.F. 42.

24th June 1918.

Bassman A.H.W. 2525.

Z. 24th April 1918. Det D/B.

I knew L/Cpl Bassman s/B attached to the R.A. Post, he was hit by a shell between Sully le See and Sonray near Battn H.Q. at the Chimney Stack. He spoke to some of the boys and died almost immediately. I saw his body a few minutes after. He is buried in the Military Cemetery at Heilly. I understand that there is a cross on his grave.

Inf:- Opl L.C.Grenier No.1114.  
A.I.F. 42. D. Coy. H.Q.  
Australian Camp.  
Rouelles.

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42nd Battn.  
A. I. F.

BASSMAN,  
A. H. W. 2525.

"Killed 24.4.18."

I was told that Bassman was killed by a direct hit of a gas shell his leg being blown off and the gas killing him at Sailly-le-Secq. I did not hear of his burial but believe he would be buried.

Pte. G. Oldham, 42th Battn. C. Co. now with the Coy. was there at the time and told me.

Informant:- White R. 2660.  
42th Battn. C. Co.  
Hut 12.  
WESTHAM.

W. A. Rand.  
London.  
2.7.18.  
J. E. A.

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42nd Battn. A. I. F.

A. H. W. BASSMAN. 2525.

"Killed: 24.4.18."

He was of A. Coy. att. A. M. C. He was standing outside D/Stn. in morning of 24th April. This was outside Bonnay. Gas shell fell right alongside him and he received full contents. Lived for 2 minutes was unconscious. I was about 5 chains away at the time. Dont know for certain, but think buried in Bonnay Cemetery, lot of our men buried there.

Was L/Cpl. in A. M. C. think came from Queensland.

A. D. G.  
London.  
9.7.18.  
M. W.

Informant:- Pte. E. W. Spencer. 7585.  
42nd Batt. A. Coy.  
HAREFIELD.

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A.I.F. 42

Bassman, A.H.W. 2907-  
2595

K.AP.24/18

We were in reserves outside of Bonnay on Somme, on 24 Ap. in the morning. Under heavy shell fire at the time. I was 100 yds. from Bassman when I saw a shell burst over his part. He was dead when I saw him shortly after, and I was told he was killed instantaneously. I believe he is buried in Bonnay Cemetary. Have not seen grave, myself.

He came over with 5 Reinf. Came from Richmond River, N.S.W. Was a ~~1st~~ L/C; Stretcher bearer. We called him 'Bassy'.  
Age I dont know. Was fair, 5.6 tall.

Inf: Pri. Mitchell, W.R. 42Batty. B.Coy. 5 platoon.

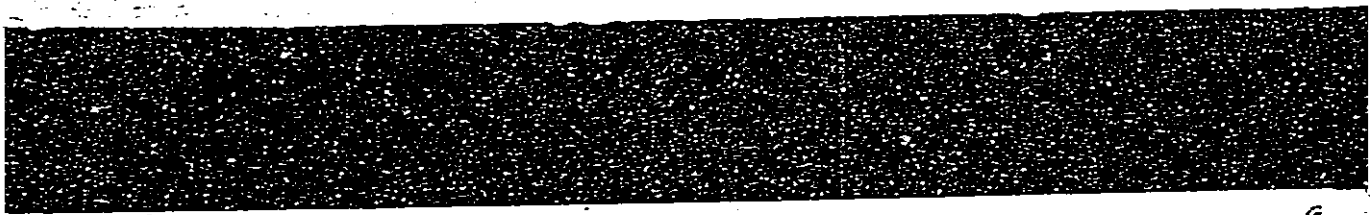
G.F.G.

Dartford.

16/6/18

*H.A.*

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Havre.

16th. July. 1918.

42nd. Australians.

Bassman, A. H. W. 2525.

K. April. <sup>9th</sup> 25/1918. Dots. D/B.

I saw Private Bassman, S/Bearer, attached to H.C. He is a Selector, his holding is close to Robalbo, N. S. Wales. I saw his body being brought out on a Stretcher near Bonay & I think he is buried in the Military Cemetery at Realy. If you write to Pioneer Sergeant Peterson, 42nd. Battalion, H.C. he would give you location of Grave.

Inf:- Private. E. P. Kidd. 592.  
42nd. Australians. D. 16.  
Australian Conv. Camp.  
Ronsilles.

R.C.M.

*J.C.A.*

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OP.

42nd Battn.  
A. I. F.

BASSMAN  
A.H.W. 2525

"Killed 24-4-18"

He was attached to Headquarters at time of casualty.  
Refer to Pte. N. Williams, Hqts. 42nd Battn., who is now in  
France, for he saw him killed, death being instantaneous,  
when he was hit by shell while in dug-out.

Informant. Mitchell. Pte. W.R. 2361  
B. Coy. 42nd Battn.,  
3rd A.A.H.,  
DARTFORD.

W. Gman  
London  
2-8-18  
H.G.

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