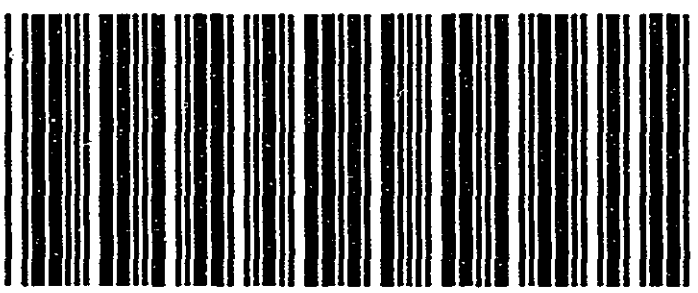
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# 15A Private
# James Thomas Ball

## 2nd Field Ambulance



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May 31st, 1917.

Pte Ball,
2 Field Ambulance,
A.A.M.C.,
B. E. F.

Dear Pte Ball,

We have been requested by our Melbourne Bureau to make enquiries concerning your brother 15 J.T.Ball, 2 Fld Ambulance, A.A.M.C., and have been told that you knew that your brother was accidentally killed on 13-2-17.

We should be most grateful if you would kindly write and tell us if our informant was correct in his statement, and if you have writteb home to tell your people all you know.

If there are any points on which you are not quite satisfied, and would like further information, we should be pleased if you would send us all details as far as you know them, when we would instruct our Searchers to continue their enquiries on these lines.

Please accept our sincere sympathy in the loss of your brother.

Yours faithfully,

V.D.

Secretary.

16th June 1917

Pte Gerald Ball,
2nd Fld. Amb
A.I.F. BE.F.

Dear Pte Ball,

Thank you very much for your letter in reply to our enquiries concerning your brother - 15J. Thos. Ball, 2nd F.A. A.M.M.C.. We regret that the cable does not seem to have reached your people and will forward a copy of your letter to our Melbourne Bureau in order that, should your letters by any mischance have also gone astray, they will receive the news sent by you to us.

With sincere sympathy,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary

Clerk
FM. 15.6.17

The Lee Jaquay Bureau,

In answer to your letter concerning my late Brother Thomas of the Canadians reported to have died. He was killed on 13/2/17, through a (? mussim) shot exploding fire where my brother was & he and one of his comrades were standing outside. I cabled home on 15/2/17 & also wrote explaining everything fully of my case. Date 4/6/17

Up to the present I never received my cable, for an letters from Home, they seem to be still uncertain as to whether he is dead or alive. Only Wish I could be there to help it only for a few weeks but I will Work & hope for the best

Kind regards from

Yours truly

Pte

Thos BALL

1st 2FA
AAMC
AIF
BEF

15.6 Thos BALL 2FA AAMC

K13.2.17 M.2.

Havre 25th May, 1917

AUSTRALIAN ARMY MEDICAL CORPS BALL, J.T. 15
2nd Fd. Amb.

K. (accident) 13.2.17. Det. D/B.

He was burned to death at the Camp at Becourt in one of the huts with several others, and when the bodies were recovered they could scarcely be identified. His brother went and identified his body as far as he could, and they were all buried close by.

Informant: Pte C.P. Tyler, 1447
2nd Field Amb., A.A.M.C.,
H. S. Grantully Castle.

RBS

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A. A. M. C. 2nd.Fld.Amb. BALL, J.T. 15.

K. (accid.) February 13th, 1917.

He went over with some friends to the 8th battn. camp. They were sitting in a hut when one of the party threw some petrol on the fire. The whole place blazed up in no time. Only one of the occupants escaped. The others were all burned to death or fatally injured. Ball's brother, who is in the same unit, went up to identify him and made enquiries. He has often told me about it and would know more details. Ball was buried at Becourt (Beaucourt ?). I knew him well personally.

RBA.

Reference:- Gill. 222.
No. 18 Gen. Hosp.

Etaples
21.6.17.

written Pte Ball 29.5.17

A.I.F. 2nd Fld.Amb. A.A.M.C.
Late 1st A.G.H.

BALL
J.T. 15

"Accidentally K. 13-2-17 nature of accident"

Killed - accidentally 13-2-17 France - Buried Dartmoor Cemetery Mr. Becordel 1½ miles S.E. of Albert
Cert. by A.I.F.Headquarters list 8-5-17.

M.

London
10-5-17

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Havre 13th June 1917

AUSTRALIANS
ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

BALL, J.T. No 15

K (accident) 13th Feb. 1917

His brother, Pte. J.J.Ball, knows about this man's death and has written full particulars to Australia. I believe J.T.Ball lost his life when his hut was burnt - He was of medium height, dark. The brother was all right with his unit several weeks ago. I saw J. T. Ball's grave between Beaucourt and Albert.

Informant: Pte. H. G. Lambsmith, 279
2nd Field Ambulance
Australian Army Med. Corps
Australian Camp, Rouelles

GRB