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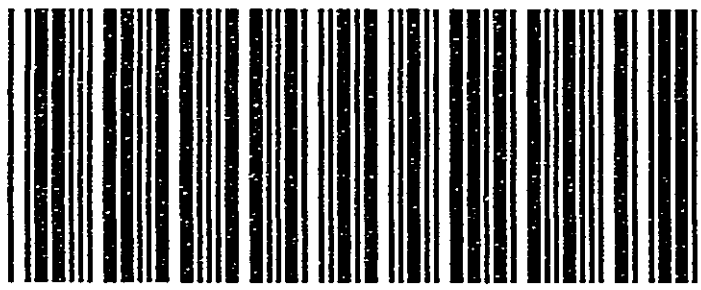
1722 Corporal Thomas Byrne

58th Battalion



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56th.Bn. A.I.F.

Byrne,T.1722.

No.2.Platoon,A.Coy.

Killed June 17/18.

I saw him killed instantly by a shell about 11 A.M.We were in Support to the right rear of the village of Ville sur Ancre.I saw him buried in Ribemont civil Cemetry,the Bn. Chaplain officiated.(I don't know his name).A cross was erected,and his Pay-book and wallet was handed to Capt.Forsythe M.C. Byrne was a Corporal in my Platoon.

Age. 24. Height. 5.6. Complex. Fair. Medium Build.

Witness Israel,Sgt.N.J. No.2.Platoon,A.Coy.

Taken at No.4.C.D.
Hurdcott.
5.9.18.

C.H.Brown.
No.4. Command Depot.
Hurdcott.

58th Battn.
A.I.F.

BYRNE.
T. 1782.

"Killed 17-6-18"

He was of A.Company. II Platoon. On 17th June on left bank of River Ancre rear of village. In supports between 10n and 11 o'clock at night; was killed outright by shell.- full issue. I was practically alongside him at the time. Was buried in Ribemont Military Cemetery. I have seen his grave, cross erected. Private effects were handed to Capt Forsyth.M.C. The ring which he wore on his finger could not be got off his finger. Christian name Tom,come from Victoria.

Informant:- Sgt.H.J.Israel.2389.
58th Battn. A.Coy. II Pl.
HAREFIELD.

A.D.G.
London.
5-9-18.
S.A.

M.

58th Battn.
A.I.F.

BYRNE
T. 1722

"Killed 17-6-18"

I knew Tom Byrne well, but did not know his brother's name. The latter and I shared a tent at Le Havre and he told me he saw Tom killed, and how broken up he was over it. The brother is 58th Battn. B.Coy., and would be back with the unit by this time.

Informant. Stuart. C.W. 1174
58th Battn. A.Coy.,
Hut 19,
WESTHAM.

W.A.Rand
London
5-9-18
S.A

M.

A.I.F. 58. BYRNE, T. 1722.

K. June 17th, 1918. Det.D/B.

I cannot say that I actually saw this happen, but I was in the same trench at the time, only further up. I know that a shell landed on him, practically a direct hit, blowing him to pieces. More than that I cannot say. It was when we were in front of Buire. Byrne was A.Coy. but I dont know where he came from.

GGP.

Informant:- Provis, Sgt. C.A.L. 2234 ~~60.HQ~~ 60.D.
(lately 58.HQ)
A.T. "Newhaven".

Calais.
9.9.18.

58th Battn.
A.I.F.

BYRNE
T. 1722

"Killed 17-6-18"

Sgt.Byrne was killed alongside me in Buire by a shell which came over and killed him outright. His remains were collected and buried just outside the A.D.S., Buire, a little wooden Cross being erected. I saw him killed and saw his grave also.

Informant. McNaughton. J. 1899
58th Battn. A.Coy.,
Hut 20,
WESTHAM.

W.A.Rand
London
10-9-18
H.G.

M.

A. I. F. 58th Bn. BYRNE, T. 1722.

K. June 17/18. Det.D/B.

He was a Corpl. in A.Coy. and was blown to pieces by a shell at Buire on the Ancre, in the support trench; I helped to wrap up his body in the reserve trench and he was taken thence to be buried at Ribemont. I knew him well in England for 6 months when he was instructing recruits on Salisbury Plain. He was about 5'8", with straight black hair and blue eyes. He came from Victoria. Corpl. Fred Burns of A.Coy. could give further information.

Reference: Pte.S.J.Green, 2988, C.Sig.Sect.

No.11 Stationary, Rouen, 3.9.18.

ABHH.

A.I.F. 58th Btn

BURNE
T. 1722

"K. June 17-18"

He was in A.Coy, and was a Cpl at time of casualty. I saw him immediately after he was killed at Buire when death was instantaneous His dead body was on a stretcher at Company Hqrs. He had been hit by a shell and badly knocked about all over the body, at which time (the afternoon) we were in supports. I knew him fairly well & he came from Victoria. I did notsee his grave, but he was buried either at Buire on Ribemont, refer to S.B.Reynolds A.Coy, 58th Btn, who is now in France , for he carried him out and will probably be able to give full details.

Informant - Pte Mulcahy A.E. 1723
A.Coy, 58th Btn
3rd A.A.H.Dartford.

Note: Written Reynolds 29-8-18. Letter returned marked "not with 58th Btn" M.

H.G.

W.Oman

58th. Battn. Byrne, T. 1722.

K. 17/6/18.

I assisted to bury him in a cemetery between Ribemont and Heilly. There was no cross erected up to the time I left there, but the Battn. was sure to put one up later.

58th. Battn. Goulding, M.L. Pte. 3389.

A. 13. Dartford. 31/8/18.

R.D.B.

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A.I.F.58th Btn

BYRNE
T. 1722

"K/June 17-18"

He was in A.Coy, and was a Sgt at time of casualty. I saw him killed ~~by~~ at Buire when death was instantaneous. He was in supports at the time when he was hit by a shell and blown to pieces. Casualty happened about 10-30 p.m. I knew him well and he had a brother in the same company, but he was away wounded at the time. He came from Victoria. He was buried at Ribemont factory near Buire where I saw his grave. The grave was not marked at the time, but would be later.

Informant - Pte. Jones J.3401
A.Coy, 58th Btn
3rd A.H.Dartford.

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W.Oman
London
29-8-18.

58th A.I.F.

Byrne. T. 1722.

(K. June 17/18)

"On June 17th 1918 at Support Trenches 100 yds. left of Ville-sur-Ancre. He had gone to get his equipment (two days after we had come up to the fighting line) when he caught full force of a shell and was killed instantly. His friend Conway was killed soon afterwards and they were both buried in Ribemont Cemetery and a cross put to mark the graves. I was about 10 yds away from Byron when he was killed. He was a man very much admired, the finest chap in the Battn."

Eyewitness: Yes.

Description: "Tommy".

Informant: Sgt. H.J. Israel. 2389.

58th A.I.F.
Clacton Military Hospital,
Middx.

17.8.18.
H.H.Sykes.

7th Btn
now 58th Btn.

BYRNE, T.
Cpl. No. 1722

Kld. in act. 17/6/18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a short man, well built, dark complexion about 27 years of age, known as "Tom". Casualty was in the front line at Ribemont. An H.E. shell exploded in the trench, a direct hit killing Casualty instantly and burying him. I helped to dig him out He had most severe body wounds. He was buried at Ribemont Cemetery. A cross was erected with his name, number and unit on it. I saw his grav I was an eye-witness."

Informant:- Cpl. H. Newcombe.

Private address
26 Maddan Grove,
Burnley.

T.C.F.
29.11.18.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

58th Btn.

BYRNE, T.
Cpl. 1722.

Kld. in act. 17/6/18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5 ft. 8 ins. well built, dark complexion, about 27 years of age, known as "Tom"/ Casualty was in support lines at Beur on the Somme. He turned round to get his gas helmet when an H.E. shell exploded close to him killing him instantly. I was 100 yds. away at the time of his death and I went over immediately after the explosion and saw Casualty's body and helped to carry him out. He was buried at Ribemont in a small cemetery and a cross was erected with his name, number and unit on it."

Informant:- Pte. R. G. Chandler,
No. 168, 58th Btn.

Private address:-
81 Princes Street,
North Williamstown.

T.C.F.
17/1/19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

58th Btn.

BYRNE, T.
Cpl. No. 1722

Killed in action 17/6/18.

"He was killed whilst in supports in front of Morlancourt. Owing to invalid fire coming on, a raid being in progress, we were afraid to evacuate the trench, and before we could send word through to the Machine Gunners we got it. He was the last man to leave the trench. He was buried by the battalion in the Buirre Cemetery. I gave his pocket book and photographs to Lieut. Tasker. He was one of the old boys, slim and dark, and I think about 24. Lieut. Flintoff could give information about his death."

Informant:- N.N. Matthews,
No. 2285, 58th Battalion.

Private address
11 Athol Street,
Moonee Ponds.

W.F.J.
4.2.19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

58th Btn.

BYRNE, T.
Cpl. No. 1722

Kld. in act. 17.6.18

"I knew Casualty. He was a short man about 5' well built, dark complexion about 23 years of age, known as "Tom". Casualty was in support lines at Morlancourt. An H.E. shell exploded near Casualty killing him instantly. I was 50 yards away at the time the shell exploded and I saw Casualty's body shortly afterwards. He was most severely wounded all over, and he was buried at Ribemont Cemetery."

Informant:- L.A. Cook,
No. 2388.

Private address
Croydon.

M. Cook

T.C.F.
4.4.19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU–MELBOURNE.

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To Pt Reynolds
S/B.A.Co
58th Battn
A.I.F.

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1722 Pte T. Byrne
58th Battn
A.I.F

K June 17/18

Written 29.8.18
MRS

HOSPITAL University Southampto

INFORMATION

Fill in exactly as List.	SURNAME.	Christian Name.	Regtl.No.	Rank
	Nichols	W.G.	245	

GIVEN B

	SURNAME	Christian Name.	Regtl.No.	Rank.
	Gordon	S.J.	1051	L/Cp

STATEMENT OF

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NOTE. *In all cases state fully what informant says he saw or heard and give* ***DATE AND PLACE*** *of occurrence.*

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Ville sur/Ancre by mach
Nichols came from Ab
I saw him & Hillgrove (Se
on stretchers to dressing sta
We got word next day
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PLEASE ALSO ANSWER T

1. Was Informant Eye-Witness? — yes

2. If not, give n of the man

3. Was the ground held or lost? — held

4. If Informant s
(a) was death in
(b) was the body

5. Did Informant know Christian Name, Initials or No. of man enquired about?

6. Was there any name in Co.

7. Give Informant's description of man enquired about—any nickname, marks, scars, etc. — about 22-23 years

8. ***Searcher's opinion of Informant's accuracy and intelligence***

Reports should always be written very clearly in ink, or typewritten.

Reynolds Pte 58th Bn

Present address wanted

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58th Bn
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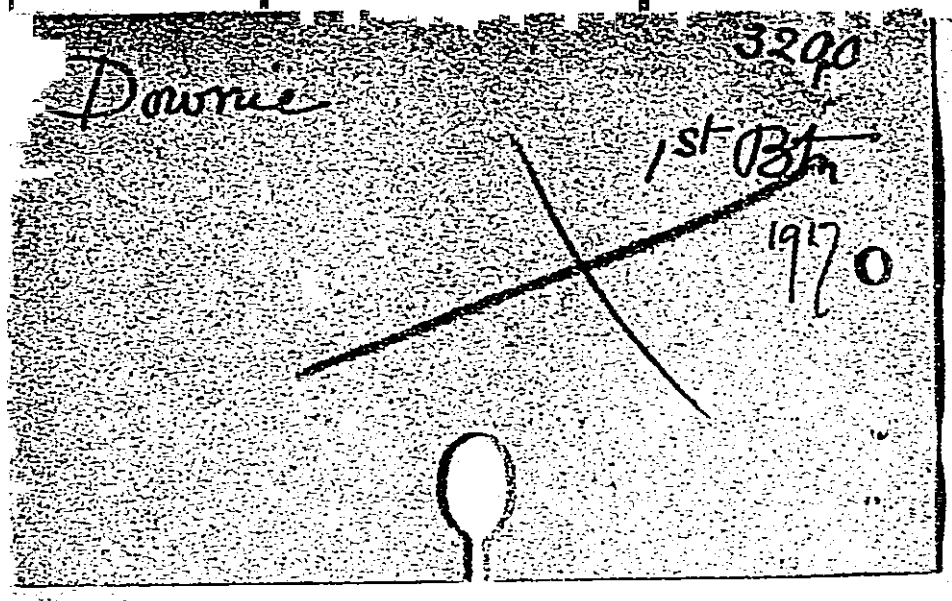
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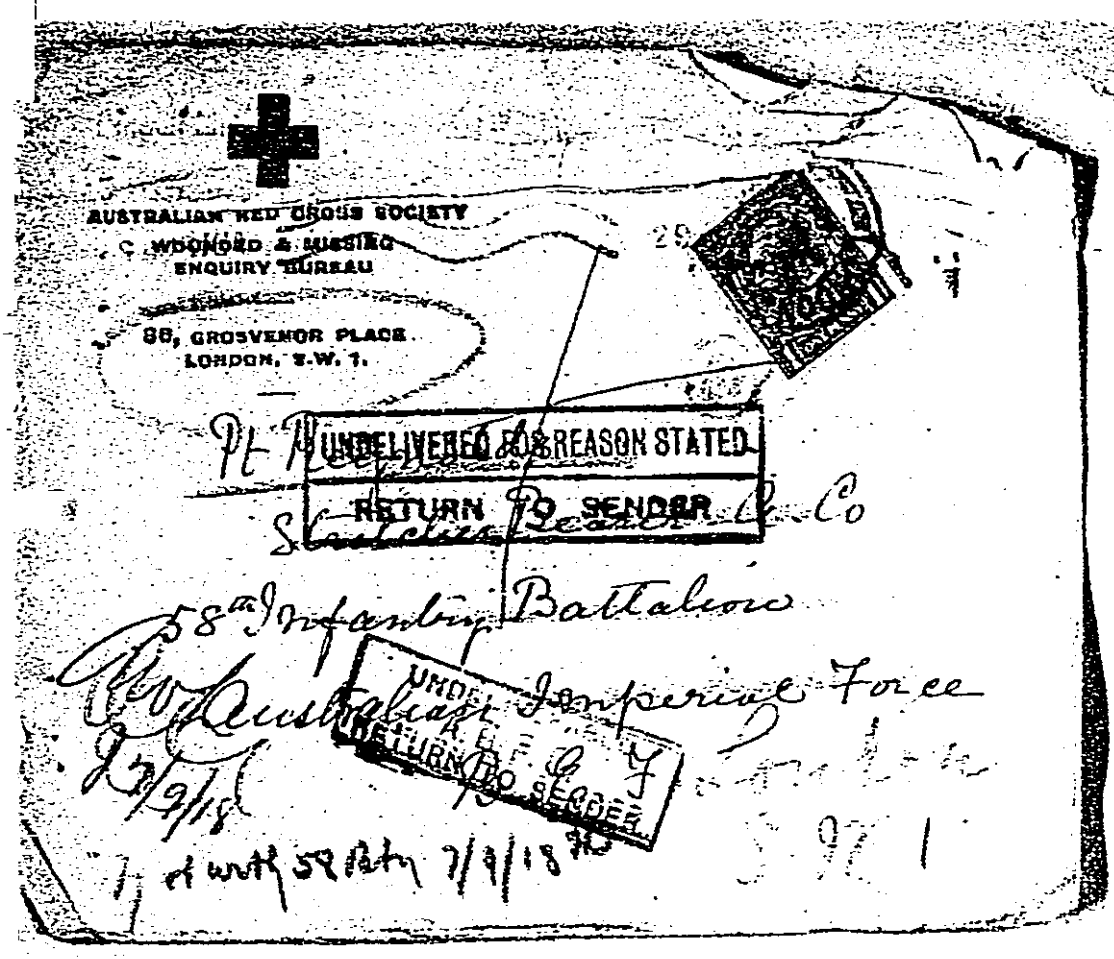

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29.8.18

Pt Reynolds
S/B. a. Co
58th Batta
a.I.F

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries about a man of your unit,

1722 Pt T. Byrne 58th Batta a.I.F.
who is reported Killed June 17/18

and have been told that you may be able to help us by supplying some information.

We should be most grateful for any details you can send us concerning him, but our enquirers wish especially to know whether he was buried, if so, whether it was on the field, or in a soldiers' cenetery where the grave would be registered. We would also be glad if you could add a short description of his personal appearance or any points that might help to prove his identity.

In your reply kindly quote name, initials and number, as without these particulars delay and confusion might be caused in identifying the soldier about whom you have written.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Deane

Secretary.

per MRS