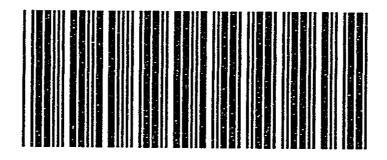
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## 1639 Private James Paul Cahill

56th Battalion



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56th Batn A.I.F. CAHILL (nortathed)
James Paul 1639

"Hounded"

Killed in Action 26.9.17. prev. reported wounded. Gert. by A.I.F.HaQtrs 17.12.17.

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56th patt. A.I.F.

Cahill. J.P. Pto. No. 1639.
No. 5. Plat. B. Coy.

Killed sept 26th 1917. Det. D.B.

I saw him killed instantly by a shell whilst we were at polygon Wood. he was buried where he fell by a party from the coy, A temporary cross was erected at the time. I knew him in the coy, I could not say wher he came from.

Description. Height. 5-7. Complexion. Fair. Medium muilt.

Witness. Sgt. Peterson. P.A. NO.3638. B.Coy. 56th Patt.

Taken at NO.3.C.D.Hurdcott. 21-3-18. S.W.

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March. 1918.

56th. Australians.

Cohill. J. P. Ho. 1639.

K. 26th. September 1917. Dets. D/B.

I know Cchill in the Battalion since Sovember 1916. He was a good sized man, full in build, dark, about 28. came with the 2nd. Reinforcements to the 53rd. Battalion, and man from H. S. Fales. On the 26th. September we were at olygon Food. He had hopped over and gone right through to our objective. Then digging in Cahill reined himself to have a look, and was shot by a Univer through the head. I saw him killed and saw him buried at the back of the trench that shem night. The grave was not marked to my knowledge. Shelling was heavy, and we could not stay.

Inf:- Frivate. S. Hellett. So. 3263.

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Cehili. James 1659.

K. September 26/1917. Dots. D/B.

He was in B. Cey, 5th. Fitn. and I had known him for three or four months. He was a big man about 55, a readish monstache, and was a clow easy going can lithout much to say, and michaened Big Cahill. On September 16th, we were near rolygon and helding the line. Just after daybreak Cahill atou d up in the trench and said Trey are coming over when he fell buck shot by a aniper quite dead. I was close by. He was buried just a for yourde behind the front line trench but I don not know whether there was time to mark the grave.

inf:- rivate. A. A. Jones. 2191.

56th. Amstralians. B.
d. D. "Omerisbrooke Costle".

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A. I. F. 55th Bn.

CAHILI, J. P. 1659.

Killed Sept.26/17. Det.D/B.

I knew him before the War in M.S.W. He lived with his sister who had a big farm (Greenvale Farm) at Marandera, a mile from my home. We enlisted together Jan.22/16, and sailed together April 12/16 in S.S. "Ceramic". I was by his side when he was killed in our attack at Polygon Wood on date mentioned. It was 11.0 a.m. A sniper's bullet got him in the head and he fell dead at my very side. I ran to help him, when another bullet passed through my throat, just missing the windpipe. I saw no more. I never heard about his being buried, but we held that ground (and hold it to-day) and S/Bs covered it all. He was in C.Coy. but I am not sure which Plat.

Reference: H.T.Dunne, 1766, A.Coy. (Runner)
No.12 General, Rouen, 155.18.

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6th. August. 1916.

50h. Australians.

manill. Jamie 1639.

K. September 26/1918. Dets. D/B.

I knew Frivate 'Ginger' Cahill, 1639, - I know his amader well - B. Company, 5th. Platoon. I was right alongside of him in our front line he was sniped through the head a killed instantly. He had a digaratte in his mouth. We held the ground a he was buried nour where he was killed. I did not actually see the grave as we were moved on the same night but I know that all our dead were buried the same night.

Inf:- Privato. W. G. Fisher. 1655.
56th. Anatralians. B. 5.
Australian Conv. Camp.
Rouelles.

RDH.

GF.

56th Btn/ A.I.F.

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CARTAL James Paul 1639.

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London. 25.10.19.