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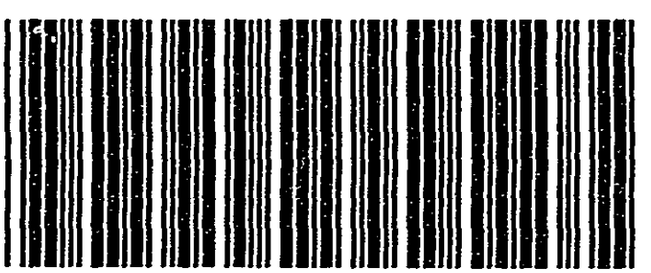
3039 Corporal
Robert Bruce Bain

56th Battalion



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5/6th.Bn.A.I.F.

Bain,R.E.3039."B"Coy.

K. Sept 1/18.Det.D/B.

He was killed instantly by a M.G.bullet during a stunt at Perrone. He was then buried in the cemetery near Perrone and the usual cross erected over his grave. The map reference is 26 central. He was in my platoon and was the most popular man in the Coy. He lived in Johnston St.Annandale,and his father was a coach builder in Harris St.City.

Age 22. Height 5-7. Fair.

Wigness. Forbes,H.H.3378. "B"Coy. 5/6th.Bn.

Taken at
No.4 C.D.
Hurdcott.Nov.15/18.

By
C.H.Brown,
No.4 C.D.
Hurdcott.

A.I.F 56th Battn. BAIN
R.B. 3039.

"Killed 1/9/18."

Proyart. He was wounded by shell in the legs. I saw him being taken to Dressing Station. He was Stretcher bearer in my Platoon. I am quite certain it was him; he may have died on the way down, but he was not dead then.

Inicrmant:- 3592 Adams,
Ward 14,
Herefield.

D.P. Dickson.
London
2.12.18.
J.E.A. S.

Havre 4th December 1918.

Australian. 56. Bain R.B. No.3039.

K. 1st Septr 1918. Det D/B

I knew him well. He was a Corporal. He was about 24, medium build, fairly stout. About the 1st Septr we were at Peronne holding the line. We attacked in the morning, and during the attack Bain was hit by a shell and killed outright. He is buried where he fell in an orchard opposite the Civilian Cemetery. I saw his grave there, marked with a rough cross.

Inf:- Pte E.J. Holloway No.3409.
A.I.F. 56. A. S/B.
Australian Camp.

CWSG.

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56th. BATTALION A.I.F.
late 20th. Battalion.

BAIN R. B. Corporal
No. 3039.

Killed 1/9/18.

Bain was with me in No. 8 Platoon. He was acting platoon Sergeant in the beginning of September, when we were at Peronne. We advanced on the 1st. September and just as we reached the objective, Bain was hit by a machine gun bullet which killed him outright. I saw him fall and went to him about 5 minutes later and saw that he was dead. He was buried alongside the French Cemetery in the Military Cemetery at Peronne.

Informant:- Corporal H. H. Forbes, 5378,

Present address:- H. Ward, No.4 Australian General Hospital, Randwick.
Private address:- 32 Renwick Street, Leichhardt.

B.H.
No. 4 Australian General Hospital Randwick.
28/2/19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

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56th Battalion, A.I.F.
(Late 20 Bn.)

BAIN, R.B. Cpl. No.3039.

"Killed, 1/9/18."

Informant described him as about 5'6", medium build, aged about 25. They both belonged to "B" Company.

On 1/9/18, the battalion was in action against Peronne they hopped over at daylight. About 10.30 or 11 a.m., before the objective was reached, Bain was killed outright by a shell. Informant was about 40 yards away, and saw Bain immediately after he was hit, but could not wait to investigate, as he had to keep going. Bain was buried in an Orchard outside Peronne, near the railway station, and about a week later Informant saw his grave, on which a cross had been erected. Informant and some of his mates put an edging round the grave.

He was well thought of by his mates.

Informant - Lance-Corporal S.F.Stubington, No.3329, 56th Battalion, "B" Company
Private Address - 80 Avenue Rd., MOSMAN.

W.E.G.
Anzac Buffet,
Sydney, 3/6/19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

59th Battn. A.I.F.

BAIN

Cpl. R. B. 3059a

Killed 1/9/18

Buried in Peronne Communal Cemetery Extension, 1.18E

Extracted from Capt. Spedding's List of 16/10/19

Melbourne

15/12/19