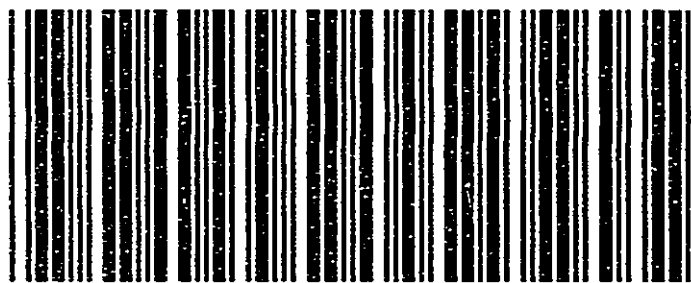


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1627 Private
William Henry
Cameron

25th Battalion



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25th A. I. F.

William Henry

W. H. CAMERON. 1627.

Killed 14.11.16. Det. D & B.

He was killed at Le Sars by a sniper. He was our Cpl.
He was buried at Le Sars. I saw his things sent off to his
people.

Reference: Pte. R. Riches, 5793.

Convalescent Camp, Rouen. 26.5.17.

FS.

B

25th Australian Imperial Force

William Perry
Cameron, W.H. 1627

(K. Nov. 14/16. Dets D / B)

" W.H. Cameron and J. McLean, who were both signallers in the 25th A.I.F. were killed at Flers on Nov. 14/16, I think by the same shell. Signaller Marshall (of the 25th A.I.F) now in France was present when they were buried, and I believe, when they were killed. I helped him and Sig. Cpl. Smith (of the 25th A.I.F. who is now in hospital in England with appendicitis) to put a cross over the grave in which they were both buried. This was near a German dug-out, some 200 yds to the left of Turk Lane sap, about 1000 yds behind our then front line, and about 2 miles to the left and in front of Flers. The cross was put up about April this year and Sig. Corp. Smith wrote up the names with an indelible pencil. We were not certain of Cameron's initials, and number, so did not put them on the cross."

Eye Witness - As above.

Description - A young chap, about 19, medium height and colouring who came from (I think Townsville) Queensland.

*Written Cpl Smith 12.7.17
Sig Marshall*

Informant -

Pte. F.S. Hodel, 1924,
Headquarters Signallers,
25th Aus. Imp Force,
Richmond Military Hospital
Grove Road, Surrey.

27. 6. 1917.
A.G. Campbell.

Bayro .

16th July, 1917.

25th AUSTRALIANS

CAMERON, W.H. 1627

William Henry

E. 14.11.16: Det. D/B.

I know him well. He was in the 1st Reinforcements in A Co. I did not know him before he joined. I know his initials are as stated, also his number. He was killed about the 14th November, 1916, to the left of Turk Lane, at Ploers by a shell. I was not present at the time. I came down about an hour after it happened and helped to bury him in a grave near where he was killed: he was buried by himself. We stuck in a temporary cross at the time, but later on in April we put up a proper cross with his name, and number on the grave.

Informant: Sergt. R.J. Young, 282
25th Australians, A Co., 1st Pln.,
H. 2. Grandully Castle.

E do D.

25th Batt. A.I.F.

William Perry ✓
CAMERON. Pte W.H. No.1627
25th Batt.

Killed 14th Nov. 1916. Det. D./B.

"Cameron was killed with a number of others about midnight on the 14th Nov. '16 by a shell bursting in the dug-out which they were occupying about 150 yards to the rear of Batt. Hdqrs at Turks Sap on the right of Flers. I did not see him killed but was told by a mate who had been in the same dugout as the others when they were killed. I went with my mate some time afterwards and erected a cross over the grave where Cameron and a Pte McLean had been buried together just on the spot where they were killed. The cross bore the two names. I did not know Cameron very well myself but am sure he was the man being enquired after."

Description. Rather short chap.

Witness. Cpl Smith R.H. No.232, 25th Batt.

Taken at No.4 C.D.
25-7-17. S.W.

B *Smith*
Ed.

25th Battn
A.I.F.

Cameron.
W.H. 1627

"Killed 14.11.16."

William Perry

These men were both killed and buried in one grave near Battn Hdqrs at Flers. Crosses were erected for both. Unfortunately I am unable to give you a description of these men.

Letter from:-

W. Hisbelt. *no hit?*

Q.M.S.

D. Coy.

London.
4.9.17.

25th Battn.
A. I. F.

Cameron.

W. H. 1627.

W. H. Cameron
McLean.

J. 459.

"Killed 14.11.16"

Lieut. Fletcher (then in charge of Signallers) now at Rolleston Training Camp Salisbury can give full details.

Witness:-

L/Sgt. P. Finnerty 1089.
7th Fld. Ambulance
Southall.

B. P. J.

London.

31.7.17.

Note Written Lt. Fletcher 20.7.17.

B.

Signaller MARSHALL

10.7.17

25 Balloon AIF
BEP

252 ^{R.H.}
Sig: Corp'l SMITH

25 Balloon AIF

at No 2 Command Dept
Weymouth

for

1627 W. H. CAMERON

25 Balloon AIF

K. 14. 11. 16.

F.M.

21.7.17

HOSPITAL Red Cross, Netley. Hut 11.

Fill in exactly as List.	SURNAME <i>Leverington</i>	Christian Name. <i>J. J.</i>	Regtl. No. <i>2654</i>	R.
	SURNAME <i>Strugnell</i>	Christian Name. <i>J.</i>	Regtl. No. <i>2257</i>	R. <i>46</i>

STATEMENT OF (to be taken)

3 *Leverington*

"I saw *Leverington* crawling along a Bullock on April 11/17. He had been dressed. This was about this bench. I think it very like

DATE AND PLACE of occurrence.

PLEASE ALSO ANSWER

1. Was Informant Eye-Witness? *Yes.*
2. If not, of the
3. Was the ground held or lost? *Retired.*
4. If Informant was de the be
5. Did Informant know Christian Name, Initials or No. of man enquired about? *He did not*
6. Was the name
7. Give Informant's description of man enquired about—any nickname, marks, scars, etc. *Rather a small fellow*
8. Searcher's opinion of Informant's accuracy and intelligence *Reliable*

9.7.17

Leit: FLETCHER

25 Balda AIF

Rollstone Camp
Salisbury Pl.

for

1627

W. H. CAMERON

25 Balda AIF

K. 14.11.16

6.24.
26/7/17.



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(WOUNDED AND MISSING INQUIRY BUREAU).

54, VICTORIA STREET,

LONDON, S.W. 1

26. 7. 17.
Lieut Fletcher
26- Battⁿ A.I.F.
Rollstone Camp
Salisbury Pl

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries for a man of your Unit
1627 L. H. Cameron 26- Battⁿ A.I.F. K.14. 11. 16
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 L. H. Cameron but our enquirers
wish especially to know whether he was buried, if so,
whether it was on the Field or in a Soldier's Cemetery,
where the grave would be registered. We should also be
glad if you could add a short description of his personal
appearance or any points that might help to prove his
identity.

Yours faithfully,

Buried on 16/7/17
(Miss) Vera Deakin.
SECRETARY.

See under
459 J. H. D. 25/11/17
25/11/17