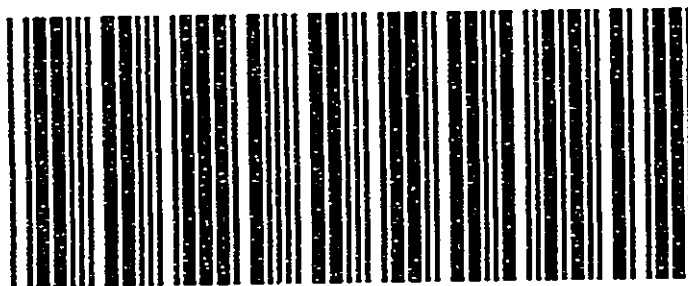


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**5560 Private
William Thomas
Clements**

24th Battalion



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24th Batt
AIF 17/17

Olevents W.T.
No. 5560
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"Killed 9.10.17"

I saw him killed at Broodseinde near Ypres. He was caught through the left chest by a bullet while we were attacking. His death being instantaneous. I knew him very well, he came from Victoria and was the only man of that name in the Coy., I do not know place of burial as he was not buried when I left and I cannot refer to anyone for details, but the ground was held and he was sure to have been buried somewhere near place of casualty.

Witness:- Pte. H. Smeader 4205
24th Batt D. Coy., 14th Pltn.
3rd A.A. Hospital,
Dartford

W. Ogan
London. 21.1.18

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24th Batn.
A.I.F.

W. Clements.
S.T. 5560

"Killed 8.10.18"

I am the Signwriter for the battalion, and I received instructions from Headquarters to write the names and numbers on crosses which were erected over the graves of the men mentioned in the list attached. The men who were killed in September, October, and November were buried on the Ypres front near Polygon Wood.

Informant:- Pte. Frank E. Buchanan 4666

24th Batn. H.Q. Pioneers

Home address:

Greccan St., L. Broughton.

"Beverley" Western

Beach, Geelong, Victoria, Aust.

S. Bawdas

25.2.18.

London.

5.3.18.

Note for full list see under 5925

G.M. Bell in General Correspondence
Files.

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Searcher's note

The informant had with him the list he received from Battalion HQs of names and numbers of men for whom the crosses were made.

A.I.P. 24.

CLEMENTS, E.T. 5560.

K. Oct. 9th, 1917. Det.

Clements was in D. Coy. XIII, and he was the only man of that name in the coy. I did not know his initials or no. He was fair, clean shaven, about 5ft. 7 or 8 and about 20 and he had a slight impediment in his speech. He was killed on 9th Oct. just before we gained our objective. I was his dead body lying out in the open. I feel sure he was buried by the Pioneers afterwards.

Inf. Pte. R. G. Gladstone, 6315, D. Coy. runner
No. 3. Can. Gen.
BOULOGNE. 15.3.18.

AGL.

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24th. australians.

Clements, W. T. 5560.

X. October. 9/1917. Dets. D/A.

He was in D. Company. I was told by Sergeant Bond (now in the 6th. Training Battalion, Salisbury Plain) about November 5th. when I had re-joined the Battalion, that he had seen Clements lying dead during an attack at Ypres on October 9th. We carried our objective. Clements was only a youngster, had marked impediment in his speech. We called him "Gecky".

Inf:- S/Major, W. E. Rankin.
24th. Australians. D. Coy.
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CWS.