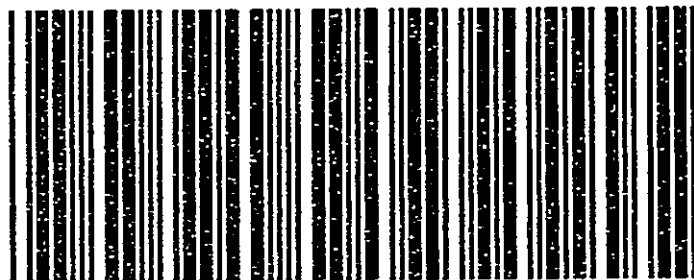


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**3101 Corporal
Thomas Alan Coats**

50th Battalion



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A. I. E. 50th Bn.

COATS, T. A. 3101.

Killed Sept. 29/17. Det. D/B.

I knew Coats well both in civil and military life. He was clerk in the Savings Bank, Adelaide, S.A. I did not see him killed but I saw his dead body on the 24th or 25th Sept/17 (I am pretty certain it was about this date). He had just come out of a dug out and was killed by a shell - chiefly head wounds. Lieut. Wilcox, now with the Battn. was with him at the time he was hit and could give all details. All our dead were buried that day in front of Polygon Wood, off the Menin Road, Ypres Front.

Reference: L.H. Evans, 3151, C. Coy.
No. 11 Stationary, Rouen, 22.5.18.

RHS.

Walter St. Wilcox 3. 6. 18.

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50th A.I.F.

COATS, Pte. T.A. 2101

K. Sept. 29/17 Det. D/B.

"I last saw Pte. Coats on the 23rd Sept. 1917 at Ypres. Pte. Coats was in a dug out and a shell burst inside the dug-out killing him instantly. I do not know if he was buried. There was very heavy shell fire going on all day."

Eyewitness. Informant was eyewitness.

Description. 5'10", no scars, age 23-24, unmarried.

Home address.	Informant. Pte. Geo: Clark, 3272
4 Harrington Street,	50th A.I.F. B.Co. VII
Boncaster, YORKS.	Herne Bay Mil. Hospital.
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M. Sexton.
14.6.18.

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50th Batt. A.I.F.

Coats, T.A. Cpl. NO. 3101.

D.Coy.

Killed Sept 29th 1917. Det. D.B.

I saw him killed whilst he was in H.Qtrs dugout, just behind the front lines at Polygon Wood. He was buried close to where he was killed by a party from the coy, I could not say if any cross was erected. I knew him in the coy, he was opl over the bombers, He came over with the 8th reinf of the batt. He came from South Australia.

Description. Age. 22. Height. 5-7. Complexion. Fair. Slight Built.

Witness. Pte. Herrod. A.L. NO. 2928. D.Coy. 50th Batt.

Taken at
NO. 4. C.D. Hurdcott.
27-6-18.
F.G.H.

S. Whitmee.
NO. 4. Command Depot
Hurdcott.

A.I.F. 50th Batta.

COATS
P.A. 3101

Killed in action 29.9.17

Buried Near Westhook 2 miles S.W. of Zonnebeke Sh. 28 H.E.J.7.B.7.9

London
5.8.19

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