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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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1575 Private
William Henry Logan

9th Machine Gun Company



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A.I.F.
9th. M.G.C.

LOGAN. 1575.
William Henry.

"Killed in Action 1.10.17".

No trace Germany.

Cert. by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.

London.
22.10.19.

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9th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTAL

LOGAN, 1575, W. H

Killed 1.10.17. Det. D/B.

I knew "Bill" Logan, I think he was in No. 3 Sect. He was killed together with a man called Cloak by the same shell. Logan had his head blown off. He was going up to the lines at Ypres. I passed him going up to relieve the 9th I.G.C. and he wished me good luck. I did not see the Casualty but Montgomery, a school teacher at Fort St. School, Sydney, and in Logan's Sect. was with him and can give information. I was told this next day by Montgomery who saw it. I do not know what became of the body. Montgomery afterwards went into Hospital, wounded.

Reference: Pte. W. Redfern, 280. I.G. Sect,

No. 11 Stationary, Rouen, 21.11.17. S

AEC.

Written Pte. Montgomery 7-12-17.

9th Mach.Gun Coy.
A.I.F.

Logan.
W. H. 1575

"Killed 1.10.17"

I saw him killed opposite the Kit-Kat ration station near Ypres. He was caught by a shell and blown to pieces, casualty was about two miles behind the front line. I knew him very well, his Christian name was William, and his people are hotel keepers in Coura, N.S.W. He was buried near place of casualty but I did not see the grave and I cannot refer to anyone for particulars.

Witness:-

Pte.A.Holt 522

8th Mach.Gun Coy.

3rd Aust.Aux.Hospital.

Dartford.

W.Oman.

London.

26.11.17.

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9th M.G.Coy.
No.2 Section,
A.I.F.

Logan.
W. H. 1575

"Killed 1.10.17"

I saw him killed at Zonnebroek Wood near Ypres. He was caught by a shell and very badly knocked about death being instantaneous. I knew him very well, he came from Australia ^{etc} ~~and~~ Sandale, N.S.W. He was buried at a place called Kit Kat near Ypres on the roadside by Sgts. Quinlan and Thomson both of the 9th M.G.Coy. I did not see the grave but these two will be able to give full details of burial.

Witness:-

Pte. J. McKillen 2019
9th M.G.C. No.2 Sec.
3rd Aust. Aux. Hospital.
Dartford.

W. Oman.

London.
29.11.17.

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Note Written Quinlan and Thomson
23.11.17.

A.I.F. MGC. 9.

LOGAN, W.H. 1575

Z.Oct.1.1917. Det D & B

I knew a man called Logan in No.III section of the 9th Machine Gun Coy. I did not know his number or his initials and as far as I know he was the only man called Logan in the company. I was told by a Pte Jones, who was in Logan's section, that he had seen him killed by the explosion of a shell about the 1st Oct. during the fighting at Ypres. Several men in the company also told me that the same shell which killed Jones, killed two other men. I do not know where Logan was buried. He was a man of about 40, dark, clean shaven, and about 5ft 6ins. He had not been long in the company.

Informant: ~~xxxxxx~~ Pte G.Youll. 925. Transport Sect
2 Can.Stat.
BOULOGNE. 5.12.17.

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Machine Gun Companies. A.I.F.

Logan. W.H. 1575.
9 Div.

K. Oct.1/17.
Det.D/B.

"I was told by an officer 2nd Lt. Atkinson (9 3 Sect) killed since - that Pte William Logan (9 2 Sect) was killed instantaneously by a shell on Oct 1st while going up the line at Passchendaele. Pte.Montgomery (9 2 Sect) who was with him suffered from Shell Shock."

Eyewitness: No. Told by: 2nd Lt.Atkinson. (9 3 Sect)

Description: Clean shaven, medium height, bald head I can give no particulars as to home etc.

Informant: Sgt. L.Gollan 36.
9 Div. 2 Sect.

Machine Gun Companies, A.I.F.
3rd Southern General Hospital,
Redcliffe Infirmary, Oxford

Home address:

Gollan,
Post Office,

6/12/17. Via. Wellington. N.S.W.
H.M.Pickard-Cambridge.

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9th M. G. Coy.,
A. I. F.

LOGAN
W. H. 1575

"Killed 1.10.17."

I saw him killed on Sunday night 30.9.17. at Ypres. He and another man
name named Cloke were caught by a shell and killed instantly.

I knew him very well and his people live at Liverpool L. S. W. and
the graves were marked with a cross bearing his number name and Unit.

Refer to Sgt. Thompson 9th M. G. Coy., No 2 Section who is
now in France and who knew him and can give full particulars.

Witness:- Pte. A. Froggett 503

9th M. G. Coy.,

3rd A. A. Hospital,
Dartford.

** I did not see the graves
but both were buried
at Ypres*

W. Oman
London.
7.12.17.

NOTE

Written to Sgt Thompson.

27.11.17

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Machine Gun Coy.
A.I.P.

Logan.
1575 W.H.

"Killed 1.10.17"

I saw his dead body near Kiln at Dump going out of Ypres. He had been killed by shell and must have died instantly. He was buried by his mates in the open in a shell hole close to where he was killed. He was tall dark and bald headed. We were in the same Coy. for about 4 months. He was a lively chap and very good company.

Informant:- W.J. Turner 519
E.G. Coy. 9th Coy.
Co. 3 Command Depot.
Hardcott

G.W. Griffith.

London.
17.12.17.

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9th Machine Gun Company
A.I.F.
(late 33rd Battalion)

LOGAN Pte. W.H. 1575

Killed 1.10.17.

Logan was a reinforcement, and came from one of the Battalions in the 9th Brigade. He was killed with Corporal Cloke on 1.10.17 -- three days before I was myself wounded -- going into the line in front of Ypres. There were ten gun teams moving up to take over ten guns from an English Machine Gun Company, when about five shells came over and the last two seemed to land right amongst the rear gun teams. I was in front of them in charge of the two teams, and it was reported to me up the line, that some men had been wounded. I sent back to Lieutenant Macnamara, who was near the rear, to leave a couple of men with the wounded, and then come straight on. Mr. Macnamara left Corporal Crow and a couple of men. Corporal Crow subsequently reported to Lieutenant Macnamara and myself, that Corporal Cloke and Private Logan had been killed by these shells, and some others wounded. The next morning I sent two or three men up to bury these men where they fell, which they did in a near by shell hole. These men's discs were sent in.

Informant:-- Lieutenant O.L.Harden, M.C.
9th Machine Gun Company,

No. 4 Australian General Hospital, RANDWICK.

Home address:-- C/o R. O'Brien, Bondi Rd., Bondi.
SYDNEY BUREAU.

H.S.O. 12.2.18.

S. Ed. 4/11

"K/Action 1-10-17"

Relating to the death of - 1575 Pte W.H. Logan 9th Aust. A.G. Coy, I regret to say that I was standing ten yards from him when he was killed by a shell which landed almost at his feet. The same shell which accounts also for No. 20 L/Cpl. Stone also of my company. I buried the two of them the next morning with the assistance of a private, twenty yards from where they were killed. I cannot explain the exact locality of their grave, but it is as near as I can make out, on the eastern slope of Westhoek Ridge about three or four miles east of Ypres. The spot was being heavily shelled by the enemy at the time and the only thing we succeeded in doing towards marking the grave, was to put a rifle & bayonet upside down in the ground & on it a piece of paper bearing their respective names & numbers & unit (9th A.G. Coy).

Ref: letter recd. from - 123 Sgt. E. R. Thompson,
9th Aust. A.G. Coy,
B.E.F. 2-12-17

London
14-2-18

Note: We regret the delay in typing out the above report, but we have been obliged to hold it up on account of pressure of work in the reports dept.

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9th M.G. Coy,
A.I.F.

LOGAN,
W.H. 1575

"Killed in Action 1.10.17."

Re 1575, Pte. Logan W.H. of this unit. He was killed in action on the night of the 30th September 1917 at Hannabeke Wood near Zonnebeke and was buried where he was killed, the same night and the grave was not registered. Pte. Logan was medium height, dark and bald.

Letter from :- O.C.
9th Australian Machine Gun Coy.

London.
28.2.18.

NOTE We regret the delay in typing the above report, but we have been obliged to hold it up on account of pressure of work and shortage of machines.

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A.M.G.C. 9.

LOGAN, (W) 1575.

K. Oct 12th 1917. Dets.

He was killed by a shell and died instantly as he was going up to the front line in the night time between Ypres and Passchendaele. L/Cpl. Cloak was also killed and several more wounded by the same shell. I was at Ypres when the wounded were brought in, but I do not know where he was buried. He came from Northern Rivers, N.S.W. He was dark, clean shaven and bald on the top of his head.

Inf: J.A.Evans. 2063.

No. 1 C.C.

BOULOGNE. 29.11.17.

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Sgt O'DINLAN

Sgt THOMPSON

9 M. G. Coy.

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W. H. LOGAN

~~1575~~

~~9 M. G. Coy.~~

~~A. I. F.~~

Killed 1.10.17

Gw.
23.11.17

7.12.17

Pt. Montgomery

9th Aust. In. G. Coy. A.P.F.

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1575 Pt. W. H. Logan

9th Aust. In. G. Coy.

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K. 1-10-17.

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December 12th, 1917.

123 Sgt. F.H. Thompson,
9th Aust. Mach. Gun Coy,
A.I.F., B.E.F.

Dear Sgt. Thompson:

We have to thank you very much for your letter in answer to our enquiry concerning

1575 W.E. LOGAN,
9th Machine Gun Coy,
A.I.F.

The information you have sent will be of assistance to us and of great value to our enquirers as they will learn through you, and eyewitness, that death was instantaneous which is always a comfort to the relatives.

We should be very pleased to see you should you have time to call in at the Office during your furlough, there are several enquiries for men of your Coy still on our lists, and it might possibly happen that we could supply us with some details concerning these men.

With all good wishes for a very pleasant leave which we hope will include the Christmas Season and New Year spent with friends.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.

V.D.
J.L.

Acc. PC 2-2-18
Amst.

1575

W. H. LOGAN

9th M. G. Co -
R/A. 1-10-17

In the Field

28th Jan'y 1918.

The Secretary

of the Enquiry Bureau

Australian Branch B.R.C.S.

36 Grosvenor Place

London S.W. 1.

With reference to your enquiry
re No. 1575 Mr LOGAN W. H. of his Unit. He was killed,
in action on the night of the 29th September 1917 at
Bannabuku Wood near Zonnebike & was buried
where he was killed the same night & the grave
was not registered.

He Logan was Medium Height

Dark & bald.

Ornstein
L. O. 9th Aust. Machine Gun Coy.

has made out on the eastern slope
of West Hill, about three or four
miles east of the place. The spot was
seen to be marked by the same
at the time. The only thing was
Laccadepine down towards marking
the place was to put a rope & bayonet
upside down in the ground & on it a
piece of paper bearing that respective
number & unit (9th Am (boy)
If any further information is desired
I would be only too pleased to call on
you during my forthcoming two
weeks time. As well you kindly
reply to me as soon as possible
I am

Yours faithfully
W. 123 Sgt E. H. Thompson
9th Am (boy)