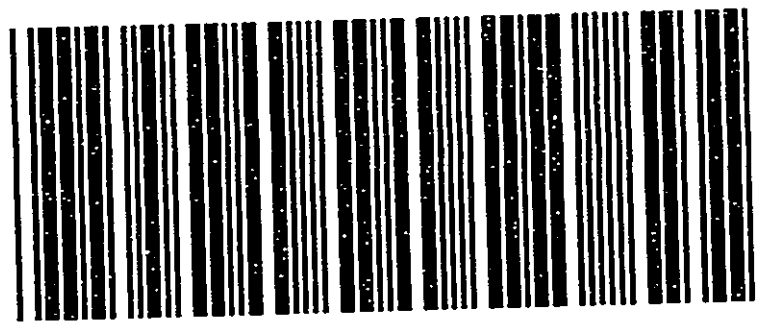
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3731 Private
Terence Finnegan

58th Battalion



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A. I. F. 58. FINNEGAN, T. 3731.

K. May 12th, 1917.

We were in same platoon(D.XVI), and I saw him killed last May (cannot fix date). It was on a Saturday about 9 p.m. A shell killed him and 3 others in Death Valley. He was killed instantly. This was some 3 miles behind our front line. My mates told me next morning that he was buried where he fell, but I have not seen his grave. A light built chap, very thin, a R/C. I think he had done a bit of tailoring. Fair, cleanshaven, 5 ft 6 in height.

PHE.

Reference:- Pte M.W. Healy. 1933. D.XVI.
No. 1 Can. Gen. Hosp.

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19.11.17.

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27th Nov. 1917.

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58th AUSTRALIANS

PINNEGAN, T. 3731

K. 12.5.17. Det. D/B.

Pinnegan and I were in the same platoon. I had known him for 6 months. He was medium height and build, fair, about 27. He was a tailor in civil life, and came from Hamilton, Victoria. He was from Bendringham way, or Brighton way, Melbourne. In action at Bullecourt on the 12th May, Pinnegan was on Ration Fatigue. He was killed by a shell explosion at Death Valley, Noreuil. I saw his body laid out by a dugout, to be carried back to the Cemetery at Noreuil. All the graves there are marked by a Battalion Cross.

Informant: L/Cpl. R.K. McDonald, 1940
58th Australians, D Co., 16th Pltn.,
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

Med.

PM

58th Battn.
D.Coy. 16th Pltn.
A.I.F.

Finnegan.
T. 3731

"Killed 12.5.17"

I saw him killed just behind Noreuil. He was caught by a shell, which blew his head off. I knew him very well; he was the only man in the Coy. of that name. He came from Victoria. We were carrying up rations at time of casualty. I do not know place of burial, and cannot refer to anyone for particulars, but he was sure to have been buried at place of casualty.

Witness:-
Pte.W.T.Howlett 1675
58th Battn.D.Coy.16th Pltn.
3rd Aust.Aux.Hospital.
Dartford.

W.Oman.

London.
4.12.17.

H.

58th Battn.
A.I.F.

Finnegan.
T. 3731

"Killed 12.5.17 "

I knew him in Hamilton Victoria. My mate Pte.T.H.O'Dea 4560 of my Pltn. 7 B.Coy. buried him on the outskirts of Noreuil alongside a Cpl. whose name I forget.

Witness:-
D.J.McNeil 1745
58th Battn.

L.P.J.

London.
10.12.17.

M.

58th Battn.
A.I.F.

FINNEGAN,
T. 3751

"Killed 12.5.17."

Was before Bullecourt in May 17, Finnegan was in this coy, XVI Pltn. We were 3 miles behind the front lines. We were being relieved by an English Regt, at about 9 p.m. and were starting to go back. A shell exploded and killed Finnegan and 3 others. I was about 10 yards off. He was killed instantly. I saw the body afterwards. I saw him buried next day at the place where he was killed, a wooden cross was put up.

Eye-witness:- Yes.

Description:-He was a tailor by trade, a Roman Catholic, about 20. very short and small.

Informant:- Pte.M.W.Healy, 1933, (Very fair)
58th Battn D.Coy, XVI Pltn,
The Princess Christian Hospital, Military.

Home address:
Timbonn P.O.
Victoria.

J.H.W Hilden.
8.12.17.

M.

London.
4.3.18.

Finnigan Pte. 3731 9th Batn.

See under

Pte. Cameron 2587 59th Batn.

Telegram to Bordon 14.9.16.

A.I.F. 58th Battn

FINNIGAN.
T. 3731

Wounded - July.

Admitted 10th Stationary Hosp France - wounded - severe - 17-7-16
Cert. by A.I.F.Headquarters 15-8-16.

Admitted 10th Stationary Hosp St.Ormer 18-7-16 with gun shot wound right leg & forearm.

No report.
Cert. by A.I.F.Headquarters 15-9-16 - 14-9-16 & 13-10-16

Trans. to England 27-7-16 with gun shot wound in thigh.
Cert. by letter from O.C. 25-9-16

On furlough 11-9-16
Cert. by A.I.F.Headquarters 3-11-16.

London
3-11-16

M.

C

59th Btn. late 58th Btn.

FINNIGAN, T.

3731 Pte.

Officially reported Killed in Actien 12th May, 1917.

We wrote you concerning this soldier on the 7th June, 1917, but incorrectly stated his battalion as the 48th. We now have to advise that this soldier's battalion is the 59th late the 58th Battalion.

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20/8/17

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