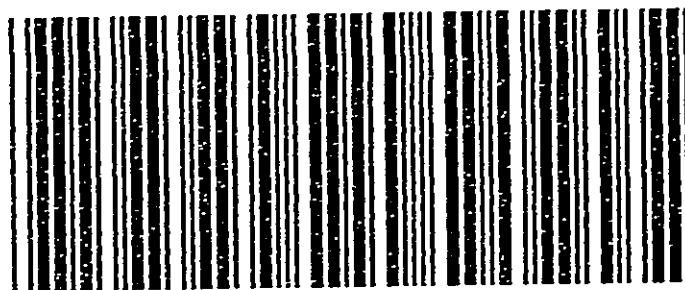


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6522 Private
William Thomas
Goman

19th Battalion



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A.I.F. 19th Battn.
Lancs.

GOMAN
Pte. Will Thomas
8522A

"WHEREABOUTS"

Killed in Action 31/8/18
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 2/10/18.

London
2/10/18

P.I.

Hayre.

6th. November. 1918.

19th. Australians.

Goman, W. T. 6522. A

X. August. 31/1918. Dets. D/B.

I knew Private William Goman, B. 6. I think he came from Carlton, near Sydney, and was a Plumber. I heard that he was killed at Mont St. Quentin on August 31st. 1918, and buried in the open with about thirty others. I saw the Cross at the Battalion Pioneers ready to be taken to the Grave. I was present with the Unit on the 31st. August but did not see Goman killed.

Inf:- Private. J. S. Glenn. 4418.
19th. Australians. B. 6.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

RDM.

CP.

19th Battn. A.I.F.

Goman,
Pte. W.T. 6522 A.

Killed in Action 31.8.18.

I knew Pte. Goman was killed in the Mount St. Quentin stunt, I saw his cross, but full particulars of burial, can be had from Sgt. Evans Pioneer Sgt. 19th Battn.. The ground was held. Description:- Fair curly hair, medium height clean shaven. Christian Name William "Bill"

Informant:- Pte. Wm. Henry Booth. 2356. (Above the average)
19th Battn. B. Coy.,
6th Platoon, A.I.F.
Ford House Hospital,
Devonport.

Home Address:- Glenfarne Street,
Bezley,
Sydney.

Copy to Sydney

M. Jackson,
6.10.18.
London,
8.11.18.
J.E.A.

Note:- Written Sgt. Evans. 4.11.18.

P.I.

A.I.F. 19.

GOMAN, W. T. 6522.

X. Aug. 31st, 1918. Dets.

I know he was killed Aug. 31st, and although I did not see casualty or burial I saw his cross after it was completed - It was a plain battn. cross with colours on. I did not know him well, and cannot describe him. You see I am Pay Sgt. and in my work I am more familiar with the names than I am with the men by themselves.

Inf. Sgt. L. Dore, 6938.

Billets.

Boulogne. 22.11.18. ARD.

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P.1

19th Battn.
A.I.F.

GOMAN
W.T. 6522

"KILLED 31-8-18"

I can give you very little information about him - all I know is that he was killed close to Mont St. Quentin and buried on the Field. A Cross was made for him and erected by the 19th Battn. Pioneers.

I think you would get the Map Reference of his grave if you wrote to Pioneer Sgt. C. Evans late of 19th Battn. who is still over in France.

Letter from - Evans. Pte. J. 2611
19th Battn.
4th Command Depot.
Hurdcott.

London
31-12-18
J.E.A.

Note:- Written Sgt. C. Evans 21-12-18.

S.
P.I.

A. E. E. 1105, A. I. E.
see 19th Battalion

OSMAN - No. 11. E.
No. 6522.

Killed 11.8.18.

Informant described Osman as about 5 ft 8 in. high, medium build, red hair, aged about 23. Came from Carrington, Newcastle.

Informant stated that Osman was a Battalion Pioneer. On 11.8.18 the Battalion was at Mont St. Quentin in action. About 1 a.m. Osman and his mate Private A. Reid were laying a mine in preparation for the hop-over when they were both killed outright by a shell. Informant was in the trench just behind them and saw this happen. They layed over soon afterwards so that Informant had no time to make further investigations and could not say where the men were buried. The objectives were captured, but were retaken by the enemy and afterwards recaptured by our men.

According to Informant Osman was a well liked chap.

Informant: Signaller S.R. Matthews, No. 5662.

Headquarters 19th Battalion.

Home address: 59 Charles Street, Cooks Hill,

Newcastle.

F.E.G.

No. 4 Australian General Hospital, RANDVICK.

12.2.19.

not sent P.I. 12/2/19

SYDNEY MURRAY.

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P.I.

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A.I.F.
19th Battalion.

GOMAN - Pte. W.Z.
No. 6522.

late 13 Bn

"Killed 31.8.18."

Goman was with me in B. Company. We were storming Mt. St. Quentin and had reached it. On the 31.8.18 I took Goman with me in the left flank in the Lewis Gun team. Just as we were running in the open between two trenches, a machine gun bullet struck him in the head and killed him almost instantaneously. He was never conscious.

He was buried at Mt. St. Quentin. A cross with his name on it was placed on the grave.

Informant: Lieutenant H.A.S. Hughes.
19th Battalion.

Home address: "Clayton", Darlinghurst Road,
Potts Point.

S.F.A.
B.M.
Victoria Barracks, Sydney.
3.4.19.

S.P.I.

Ad Smith

SYDNEY BUREAU.

A.I.F. 19th Btn

W.T. GORMAN 6522 *Gorman*

"K. Aug. 31/18"

I did'nt see Gorman sniped through the head at Mont St. Quentin, about 3 p.m. He & Lt. A. Stokes-Hughes was 19th Btn B. Coy. (who is now doing a University course in England) went round to stop Fritz from coming round behind us on the right & Lt. Hughes was the only man who saw Gorman killed. The Pioneers afterwards erected a cross. Medium height, about 25 years, fair.

Informant - L/Cpl. E. Wyndre 4783
18th Btn B. Coy.

Note: Lt. A. Stokes-Hughes B. Coy, 17th Btn late 19th ret: Aust: "Lancashire".

Gorman W.T. 6522, K/A 31-8-18, ~~W. T.~~ married man from Paddington Sydney 23 years, buried by Pion: Sgt. Evans at Mont St. Quentin (cross was erected)

London
11-2-19.
H.G.

19th Btn Orderly Room.

S & P.I.

A.I.F. 19th Btn

GORMAN GORMAN
W. THOMAS 63282

"K/Action 31-8-18"

C We have written to 2611 Pte. Evans at 19th Btn A.I.F., about 6522
Pte. W.T. Gorman B. Coy, 19th Btn,. The letter had been returned
"marked - "undeliverable" Hqrs. reports 2611 Pte. J. Evans returned
to Australia 20-12-18.

S & P.I.

LONDON
26-3-19
H.J.G.

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pc 110, 18

Winifred House
Sept 29/18 62 Asfordby St
Leicester

Sir

Can you give me any information concerning
my Nephew 6522 A Sgt W.T. Goman of the
19th Batt 5 Brigade Australian I.F. France
As we have not received any news from him
since Dec 25/18. & believe we are the only
people in England that he corresponds with.
& made his home with us when on leave.

I hope will greatly oblige
Yours Sincerely A Osborne

Oct 5, 18

Waverford To our
62. Isfordley St
Gloucester

Dear Sir.

We thank you very much for the trouble
you took for us. in respect to 6522 pt W. Goman
of the 17th Batt. A.P.F. but were sorry to receive
such bad news. & as you were so good as
to say that you would make further inquiries
concerning his death & burial we should be glad
to receive such news & shall esteem it a great
favour.

I remain Yours truly
A. J. Gorman

Elm Copy

3.10.18.

Mrs A. Osborne
Winifred House
62 Ashfordby St
Leicester

Dear Madam

In reply to your enquiry

for 6522 Pte W. T. Gorman 19th Batt
A.S.C. we very much regret to tell
you that he was killed in action
on 31.8.18.

This is at present

all the information we have received
but we are making enquiries for
details of his death and burial and

(if you would like ^{to know} ~~the exact date and place of his death~~ ^{we will make all possible enquiries} ~~and forward you the information we may receive.~~ ^{we will make all possible enquiries} ~~and forward you the information we may receive.~~

We much
With great regret to be the bearers
of such sad news & beg you to
accept the assurance of our deepest
sympathy in your loss
Yours faithfully

HOSPITAL *Boscombe Military*

INFORMA

Fill in exactly as List.	SURNAME.	Christian Name.	Regtl.No.
	<i>Walden</i>	<i>L. E. B.</i>	<i>6762</i>

GIV

SURNAME	Christian Name.	Regtl.No.
<i>Wheeler</i>	<i>Victor</i>	<i>5428</i>

STATEMENT

NOTE.

In all cases state fully what informant says he saw or heard and give DATE AND PLACE of occurrence.

I helped to bury in the right of the He stood about 6 ft.

(to be taken)

PLEASE ALSO ANSWER

1. Was Informant Eye-Witness?

2. If no of

3. Was the ground held or lost?

4. If Inf was the

5. Did Informant know Christian Name, Initials or No. of man enquired about?

6. Was name

7. Give Informant's description of man enquired about—any nickname, marks, scars, etc.

8. Searcher's opinion of Informant's accuracy and intelligence

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P.C. 18.12.18
9.3.18
6522
W.T. Goman
193m
H.A. 31.8.18
No 2611 Plt J. Evans
19 Batt
4 Command E. Coy Huty
Burdett
St Pl

Dear Madam

In answer to your inquiry of No 6522
Plt W. T. Goman B. Coy 19 Batt I am
sorry to say I can give you very little
information about him. all I know
is that he was killed close to
Mont St Quentin and buried on
the field a cross was made for him
and erected by the 19 Batt Pioneer
I think you would get the map
reference of his grave if you wrote
to Pioneer Sgt. C. Evans late of
19 Batt. who is still over in France
but the old address is sure to find
him. sorry I haven't any further
information for you

Note

Written Sgt
C. Evans
21.12.18

November 18th, 1918.

Mrs. A. Osborne,
Winifred House,
62, Ashfordby St.,
Leicester.

Dear Madam.

In further reply to your enquiry for 6522a Pte. W.F. GOMAN. 12th Battalion, A.I.F. we beg to inform you of an unofficial report received from a man of the same unit.

2556 Pte. W.H. Booth interviewed at the Ford House Hos pital, states that "He knew Pte. GOMAN. was killed in the Mont St Quentin stunt, and he saw the cross erected to his memory, but full particulars of burial can be obtained from Sgt. Evans - we have written to him for these details and will advise you as soon as we receive them.

Our informant describes Pte. Goman as being of medium height, clean shaven, with fair curly hair and known as "Bill".

When we receive fresh particulars we will notify you at once.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) F.W.

SECRETARY.

Mrs. A. Osborne,
Winifred House,
62, Lincoln Street,
Leicester.

3rd December 1919.

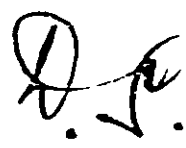
Dear Madam,

With further reference to your enquiry for your nephew 3522a Pte. E.T. Goman, 18th Battalion A.I.F., we beg to inform you of an unofficial report confirming the one previously sent you, which we have received from 4118, Pte. J.E. Glenn, of the same Unit. He states that he knew Pte. Goman and had been told he was killed at Mont St. Quentin on August 31st and was buried with a number of others in the open. Our informant saw the cross ready to be taken to the grave. This report is confirmed by 6388 Sergeant L. Dore also of the same Unit.

We regret the indefinite nature of this report and are continuing our enquiries in the hope of obtaining further particulars and will advise you as soon as any other information reaches us.

Yours faithfully,
(Miss)

Secretary.



February 13th, 1919.

Mrs. A. Osborne.
Winifred House.
62 Asfordby Street,
Leicester.

Dear Madam.

With further reference to your enquiry for 6522a
Pte. W.T. GOMAN. 13th Battalion. A.I.F. We beg to inform
you we have received the following unofficial report from
4733 L/Cpl. E. Wyndoe of the same Unit who states that Lieut.
A. Stokes Hughes who has since returned to Australia, was with
only man who saw Pte. Goman killed, the casualty occurred on
August 31st, 1918 at Mont St Quentin about 3 p.m. they had
gone to stop the Germans from coming round behind the trenches
of the night, he was sniped through the head, death being
instantaneous. He was buried by the pioneers and a cross was
erected, near where he fell.

Assuring you of our sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.