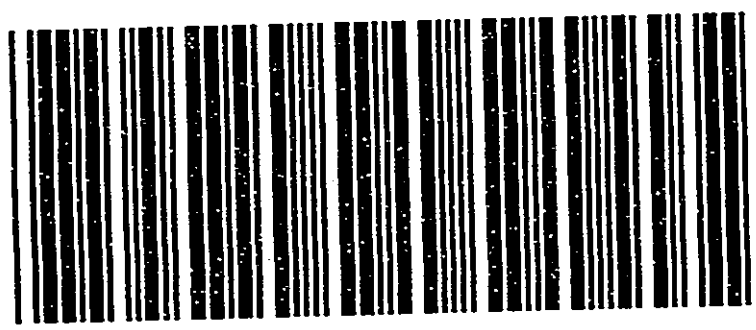
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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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2317 Lance Corporal Thomas Louden Ferguson

37th Battalion



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37th Battn.
A.I.F.

FERGUSON.
T.L. 2317

"Killed in Action."

Wounded 9.4.18.

No Hospital admission.
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs List 4.5.18.

No further report officially but "K" Report expected soon.
Cert. by Rouen letter 9.5.18.

London. 13.5.18..

P.I.

37th Battn.
A.I.F.

FERGUSON.
Thomas London. 2317.
London

"Killed in Action".

Re my brother,N.Ferguson,we I have not heard any more than you have about him, so if I stated that he was killed, it was only my own conclusions. Re my other brother T.L. Ferguson. I met his platoon Commander yesterday and got the full particulars of his death so I will not bother you about him. This same officer holds out some chance of my missing brother being a prisoner. Nothing was seen of him after going over. I am expecting to be returned to Australia any day now, so I will be able to answer the enquiries there myself.

Letter from:- Geo Ferguson.
A.I.F.
FRANCE.

H.
P I.

London.
22-5-18.

37th Battn.
A.I.F.

FERGUSON,
T.L. 2817.

"Wounded. Unofficially Missing" 9-4-18.

He was badly hit by a shell and I didn't think he would live. He said " I amd dying" . I saw him taken out by the S/Bs who came back and told me they got him alive to the C.C.S. about 500 or 600 yards behind the line. It was on a sunken road near Merlincourt. Via 5 ft 9 ins and fair.

Informant:- J.Rolfs. 1906.
37th Battn.
Anzac Buffet.

W.Allison.
London,
8-6-18.

P I.
M.

37th Battn.
A.I.F.

FERGUSON
T.L.2317

"Wounded & Missing 9-4-18"

It was on the Somme, near Maricourt, we were in the front line trench. He was a Lewis Gnr., and a L/Cpl., and about 3 a.m. on that morning he was called out of the Lewis gun bay to go on patrol duty. He had got out of the bay, and was coming up the path at back of trench, when I heard one of our shells lob short, and I heard a groan. I called out, "Is that you Tom", and he answered, so I went up and found him lying there badly wounded, one piece of shell in the stomach and a couple more wounds. D.Coy. S/Bs. took him away to the dressing station which was nearly a mile away, and it was too dark for them to do much for him themselves, and one of the S/B's told me afterwards that he died a few minutes after they got him to the dressing station, but I cannot remember the S/B's name. I know it was one of our own shells, because others fell short and near us, and an officer had to send word up to stop them firing. I do not know where he was buried. He was in D.Coy. 16th Pltn. He was tall and slight, and in the early twenties. I don't know where he came from at home.

Informant. Johnson D.M. 687 Lewis Gnr.
37th Battn. D.Coy. 16th Pltn.,
No.1 Command Depot,
SUTTON VENY.

P.I.
M.

B.F.German
London
13-6-18

A.I.F.
37th. Btn.,

FERGUSON 2317.
Thomas Toulden.

Wounded
~~"Killed in Action 9.4.15".~~

No trace Germany.

Cert. by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.

London.
22.10.19.

M. & P.I.

15th May, 1918.

1095 Pte.G.F.Ferguson,
A.Coy, 24th Infantry Battalion,
Australian Imperial Force,
B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

We beg to inform you that your brother -

2317 Pte.F.L.Ferguson, 37th Battalion, A.I.F.

was officially reported as wounded on April 9th, 1918, and A.I.F. Headquarters certify that he has not been admitted to any Hospital. No further report has been made for him, and we are making all possible enquiries but so far without success.

We fear the Chaplain's letter puts an end to all hopes of his being alive but he still officially considered so although we are warned by Headquarters in France that a report of his death is expected there very soon.

With our sincere sympathy and assuring you that as soon as we receive details we shall advise you.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) T. F. G.

SECRETARY.