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1160 Private
Cyril Andrew Johnson

13th Battalion



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Havre

27th August 1917

13th AUSTRALIANS

JOHNSON, C.A. 1160

K. 4th Feb. 1917 Det. D/B

I know him well; his initials and number as as stated, but the number should have '54/' before it. He was in my company. He came over together in the same Reinforcements. We were attacking at Guoudecourt about the 4th Feb. 1917, and he was struck and killed outright by a shell just before we got into Stormy Trench, which we captured from the Germans. The shelling was too heavy for anyone to bury the dead, and so were relieved 16 hours after that - heard nothing further.

Informant: S. H. Thomas 1245
13th Australians A. Co. 1st Pltn
Havre Hospital

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13th Battalion A.I.F.
(Late 34th Battalion)

1160 JOHNSON C.A. Private

Killed in Action 4.2.17.

I knew Private Johnson very well. He was in my platoon. He was killed at Guedecourt. We had to take two or three lines of trenches about three or four hundred yards away from our own trench. It was rather a tough nut. They kept us busy till midnight after we went over and in counter attacks. Johnson was helping Captain Murray, who got the V.C. I heard he was killed instantly by a shell. He was a good boy, had not been long with us. He came from Singleton. I was wounded myself the same night.

Informant:-- Sergeant Hardy,
13th Battalion A.I.F.
No. 4 Australian General Hospital, RANDWICK.
Corroborated by Private Scott, 888, 13th Battalion.

(NOTE:-- Sergeant Hardy, Private Scott, and Private Duncan were all talking together, and I had some difficulty in determining which of them was responsible for different pieces of information, but Hardy was by far the most reliable witness and could always give information about men in his sub-section

26.9.17.
H.S.N.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

✓ 13th BATTALION A.I.F.
late 34th Battalion.

JOHNSON C. A. Private
No. 1160.

Killed 4/2/17.

Informant described Johnson as about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, fairly heavy build, very rosy cheeks, fair hair, aged about 25 to 30. Christian name Cyril and from Newcastle. Left Australia together per "Hororata" 2/3/16.

Informant states that they both belonged to A. Company. On 4/2/17 the Battalion was in action at Stormy Trench near Guedecourt Wood. They hopped over about 10 p.m. it being a Sunday night. About 5 minutes afterwards Johnson was hit by a shell and died in about 2 minutes without saying a word. Just before he was hit informant heard Johnson say "A man had better get out of this or he will be stopping one" Informant saw him hit and fall into a shell hole about 20 yards from the trench which they were attacking and which they captured. He never heard where Johnson was buried.

According to Informant Johnson was a well liked chap. *S. Thomas*

Informant:-- Private E. H. Thomas, 1245,
A. Company, 13th Battalion.

Present address:-- Hut 13 Randwick Military Hospital.

Private address:-- C/- C. A. Dawkins, Northcote Street, Aberdair
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No. 4 Australian General Hospital, RANDWICK.

7/4/19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

13th Battalion. A.I.F.

JOHNSON, C.A.
1160 Pte.

Killed in Action 4.2.17.

On the 4th February at Gueudecourt near Bapaume Johnson was struck by a shell while in our front line trench and killed instantly. Informant saw his body just afterwards. It was sometime about midnight of the 4th. Johnson was of medium height, stout build, clean shaven, round face.

Informant: Scott, J. Pte 886,
13th Battalion. A.I.F.
No. 4 Australian General Hospital,
RANEWICK.

SYDNEY BUREAU. S

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15/8/17. ✓