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3881 Private
Victor John Nathan

6th Battalion



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A.I.F. 6th Btn.

NATHAN.
Victor John. 3881.

K/A.
Died. 4.10.17.

No trace Germany.
Ch'rt by Captain Mills. 10.10.19.

Enquiries sent to H.K.L.

London.
15.10.19.

M.

6 Battn.
A.I.F.

Nathan
V.J. 3881.

"Killed 4.10.17 Det. D/B"

I saw Nathan killed outright by Machine Gun bullet on Oct: 4/17 at Broodseinde Ridge. His body had not been buried 2 days later, the last time I saw it but he was probably buried later where he fell.

Informant:- Larcombe E. 2591.
6th Battn.
C. Coy,
50 Hut,
Westham.

W.A. Rand.

London.
31.1.18

M.

6th Battn.
A.I.F.

Nathan.
V.T. 3881

Howden.
A. 2631

"Killed 4.10.17"

I understand that Howden & Nathan were killed by the same shell just behind a pill box after they hopped over towards Passchendaele No one with them then. I didnot hear of Howden's burial but heard Nathan was buried where he fell. It was right in front of the line and I can't say if it could be found now. L/Cpl.Allen D.S. of C.Coy and with Battn. now was in charge of section and could give information.

Informant:- Cpl.K.A.Bettles 288
6th Battn. C.Coy.
Hut 11 Westham.

W.A.Rand

Note Written Allen about Howden & Natham 15.3.18.

London. 18.3.18.

M.

A.I.F. 6. NATHAN, V. J. 3881.

K. Oct. 4th, 1917. Det. D/B.

He was a scout in C. Coy. We were over at Blight together on our last leave and while we were at Glasgow he had his photo taken, and I have a copy with me now. He got killed near Passchendaele Ridge on our second stunt. A. m.g. bullet hit him between the eyes and he died instantly. I cannot tell about burial. He came from Horsham, Victoria.

Inf. V. J. Molony, 3860, 6.C. A.I.F.
A.T. "HMWhaven",
CALAIS. 25.3.18. GG?.

M

A.I.F. 6th Battn.

NATHAN
V.J. 3881.

KILLED October 4/17.

I was told by a friend, Pte W. Walsh 6th Battn C. Coy., with the Company now - that he saw him killed. I think he was shot in the head at Passchendaele stunt after the hop over. I did not hear anything of his burial.

Informant:- 705 Hough J.H.
6th Battn.,
C. Company,
Westham.

NOTE:- Written Walsh
30.4.18.

W. A. Rand

London
30.4.18

M

A.I.F. 6th. Battn.

NATHAN
V.J. 3881.

KILLED 4/10/17.

Was in C. Company - 9th. platoon - called 'Victor'. I saw him killed instantly by bullet (sniper) through the head - It happened on the top of Bridesteende Ridge on October 4th. - during the stunt. He was buried later by our Pioneers, but I did not see his grave or know if a cross was erected.

He came from Melbourne - Had been on the Railways there -

Informant:- 6214 Allan D.S.,
6th Battn.,

W.G.J.

London
2/5/18.

M

6th Battn.
A.I.F.

NATHAN
Victor John 3881

"Killed in Action 4-10-17"

Re 3881 V.J.Nathan, 6th Battn. , killed 4-10-17.
He was killed on the top of Broodseinde Ridge, bullet through the head, death instantaneous. Buried in the field by the Pioneers, grave not registered. Christian name, Victor, about 5'8" in height, think he was a ticket checker on Victoria Railways. Was in C.Coy.

Letter from:- Allan D.S. 6214
6th Battn.,
No.3 Coy. Monte Video,
No.4 Command Depot,
WEYMOUTH. 23-5-18

London
30-5-18

M.

A.I.F. 6. NATHAN, V. J. 3881.

K. Oct. 4th, 1917. Det. D/B.

Victor Nathan was in C.IX., and his number was about 3881. He was a Victorian. I saw his dead body during the fighting on the Passchendaele front on 4th Oct. He was lying dead in no-man's-land. I know he was buried somewhere near where he fell.

Inf. Pte. W. Anderson, 5034. B.V.
No.1.C.C.
BOULOGNE. 5.6.18.

AGL.

A.I.F. 6; NATHAN, V.J. 3881.

K. Oct 4th 1917.

Victor Nathan was in C.IX with me, and his number was about 3881. He was dark, clean shaven, about 5ft 8 and about 30. I was told by L/Cpl.G.Wheeler, 4333, of C.IX. that he had seen Nathan killed by M.G. fire on the 4th Oct during the fighting round the Ypres sector. He was about a couple of chains off Nathan when he was killed. I wa never heard if his body was recovered and buried.

Inf: Pte S.H.Young. 2922. C.IX.
No. 1 C.C.
BOULOGNE. 8.6.1918. AGL

9. C.

L. Corpl D. S ALLEN

C. Coy. 6 A. I. F.

B. E. F.

about.

3881

V. J. NATHAN

6 A. I. F.

K 4.10.17.

Sw.
15.3.18

30-4-18.

Pte W. Walsh.
C. Coy.
6 G.Y.F.
B.E.F.

3881. V. J. Nathan
6. G. Y. F.
K. 4-10-17.

hmc
30-4-18.

Collected P.O. Chas 25-8-18

3881 Victor John Nathan 6th Batt'n Kia 4-10-17

23/5/18

No 3 Coy

Monte Video No 2 Command Depot Weymouth.

2631 + Albert Howden 6 Batt'n Killed 4-10-17

Dear Sir

M 3

Re letter regarding the two men

1 Slip reported killed:—

3881 V.J. Nathan 6th Batt'n A.I.F. killed 4/10/17

+ 2631 A. Howden 6th Batt'n A.I.F. killed 4/10/17

3881 V.J. Nathan was killed on the top of Broodseinde Ridge, bullet through the head; death instantaneous. Buried on the field by the pioneers, grave not registered. Christian name Victor, about 5 ft 8 ins in height. Think he was ticket-checker on Victorian Railways.

As regards:—

2631 A. Howden, was killed on the top of Broodseinde Ridge, left side & arm shattered by shell, lived about five minutes, buried on the field by pioneers, grave not registered.

Height about 5 ft 6 ins.

Hair & complexion very dark.

Comes from Northcote, Melbourne.

Yours faithfully

both were in C.C.Y 6214 D. S. Allan.

6th Battn