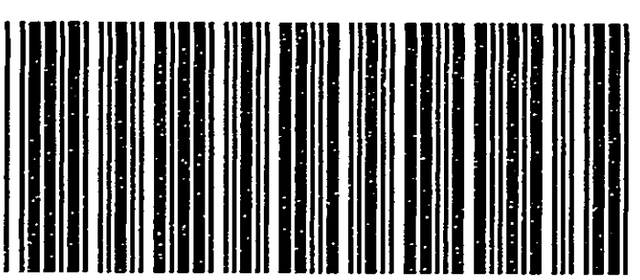
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3167 Private Thomas Reginald Ingram

45th Battalion



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Thomas Reginald

45th. BATTALION A.I.F. — INGRAM T. R. Private No. 3167.

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Died of Wounds 30/5/17.

Informant states that in May 1917 he, Ingram and about 38 others were on a fatigue party unloading shells at Neuve Eglise when a shell landed in the middle of the party and 4 were killed on the spot and Ingram and one other died of wounds. Informant had been talking to him shortly before - Ingram had been unwell and was going to be sent back the following morning. Informant did not see Ingram taken away but made enquiries the next day and was told that he had died at the Clearing Station. Informant knew Ingram in Australia in camp and believes he was a tailor - Informant and Ingram went over together in the 8th. Reinforcements leaving Sydney November 25th. 1916. They were both in A? Company. He was short with a moustache delicate looking. He left Australia as a Corporal.

Informant:- Private J. B. Hotley, 3270,
45th. Battalion.
Home address:- Hickey's Creek, Macleay River.

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No. 4 Australian General Hospital, RANDWICK.
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45th Battalion, A.I.F.,
8th Reinf.

Thomas Reginald
INGRAM, T.R. PRIVATE.
No. 3167.

"Died of Wounds, 30/5/17".

Informant described Ingram as about 5'5" high, medium build, dark, aged about 38. Married. By trade a Tailor's Cutter.

Informant states that on 29/5/17 at Neuve Eglise near Messines the Battalion was on fatigue behind the lines unloading shells. At about 8 p.m. just as unloading had been finished the Germans commenced shelling. Everybody scattered for shelter but Informant went back and found Ingram lying on the ground wounded. He was conscious when Informant helped to carry him to the Dressing Station, but was unconscious when he reached there. Others were wounded on the same occasion. Informant heard afterwards that Ingram had died. He belonged to "A" Company.

Informant added that Ingram was very well liked by his comrades.

Informant:- Private T.Glassbrook, No.3260,
"D" Company, 45th Battalion,

Home Address:- "Woodville", South Street,
Double Bay.

C.E.C.
No.21, Australian Auxiliary Hospital,
Georges Heights, Mosman, Sydney.
20/2/18.

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A.I.F. 45th Btn

INGRAM
Thos. Reginald 3167

"Cas: Clear: Stn 30th May"

Died of wounds 30-5-17 at 53rd Casualty Clearing Stn France
Cert. by A.I.F.Headquarters 22-6-17

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London
25-6-17

45th Battn.
A. I. F.

Ingram.
Pte. T. R. 3167.
Lond. Rgt.

"Died of Wounds".

3167 Pte. Ingram was admitted to this Hospital on the 29th ult., fatally wounded by a shell in the head, chest and (R) foot. He immediately after admission lost consciousness and peacefully passed away in the early hours of the morning of the 30th. I assure you that everything possible was done for him. His remains were reverently laid to rest the same morning as he died, in a British Cemetery in the town and a Christian burial service was conducted. The Military Authorities have already erected a small cross on his last resting place with all particulars, a photo of which can be had by applying to the Graves Registration Dept.

Letter from:-
The Chaplain,
53rd C. C. Station,
B. E. F. 30.6.17.

London.
20.7.17.

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45th Battalion.

INGRAM, T.R.,
3167, L/Corporal.

8 R. "Died of Wounds.30.5.17." Thomas Reginald ✓

I knew Ingram - he was in A.Company with me. I have been informed by Private McFarlane, and Private H.Evans, both of same Company, that Ingram was unloading shells from a trench near Messines - A German shell landed in the trench and killed him immediately, so it is a mistake to say that he died of wounds. He was the first man in the Company to be killed in action with the draft that went to France. I was not there myself having been previously wounded, but the above men could give all information, but I don't know their numbers or their addresses.

Informant:- Private R.A.Johnstone, No.3168,
45th Battalion,
No.4, Australian General Hospital,
RANDWICK.

Home Address:- "News Agent",
LINDFIELD,
NORTH SYDNEY.

W.H.J.
19/1/18.

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45th Battalion
8 Bfts.
A.I.F.

INGRAM Pte. T.R. 3167

Died of Wounds 30/5/17. Thomas Reginald ✓

Informant described Ingram as about 5 ft. 7 inches high, fair, aged about 33 years. Informant and Ingram went into camp together at Kinma on 3/7/16.

Informant states that on 29/5/17, the Battalion were at Neuve Eglise unloading shells. Ingram was not in Informant's Battalion Company. They had finished unloading and were lined up, formed into fours, to return to camp, when a large shell fell into the platoon to which Ingram belonged hitting 17 men in all. Informant witnessed the whole occurrence. Ingram received a fragment of shell in the chin He was carried unconscious on a stretcher to the Dressing Station and when Informant went over to the Dressing Station next morning, he found that Ingram was dead, having died at 5 o'clock that morning. It is Informant's opinion that he died from shock, rather than from his wound.

Informant:- Pte. W.H.Bottomley,
45th Battalion, C. Co., 12 Ptn. A.I.F.
No. 21 Australian Auxiliary Hospital,
George's Heights, Sydney.

Home address:- Bega, N.S.W.

W.H.C.
13/2/18.

SYDNEY BUREAU. ✓

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

Tel.: VICTORIA 6858.

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"THE SECRETARY,"
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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"QUESTMAN, LONDON."

54. VICTORIA STREET.
LONDON. S.W. 1.

June 26th. 1917.

The Officer Commanding,
53rd. Casualty Clearing Station,
B. E. F.

Dear Sir,

Will you very kindly send us if possible details concerning the last hours, death and burial of :-

3167 ~~O~~ Pte Thomas Reginald T.R. INGRAM, 45th. Battn., A.I.F.

We are enquiring on behalf of his relatives who have cabled to us from Sydney for all particulars and it would help us very much to have further details from you.

With many apologies for troubling you,

Yours faithfully,

Vera Deakin

Secretary
(L Aw)

Admitted 19/5/17
Died 30/5/17 Buried 30/5/17
G.S.W. (shell) head, chest, foot

France
30th June 1917

To the Secty
Australian Red Cross Society

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H Jones CF

53. C. C. S.
B. E. Force.

H Jones. C.F.