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1226 Private
Victor William Latham

37th Battalion



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37th Btn.

LATHAM, V. W.
Pte. 1226

Killed in action 4/10/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5 ft. 8 ins. well built, about 30 years of age, known as "Victor". He was made a L/Cpl. the day he was Killed. Casualty was advancing at Zonnebeke, Ypres. He wasjust on the top of the trench when he was killed by machine gun bullets which passed through his breast just over his heart killing him instantly. I was one yd. away. He was buried just near where he fell. I was an eye-witness. He was well known and liked by all his comrades."

Informant:- H.T. Prist,
No. 1334.

Private address:-
Wangaratta P.O.

T.C.F.
1/3/18.

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LATHAM
V.W. 1226

"Killed 4-10-17"

8 There was a Latham in our Battn., whose initials were the same and his name was Victor. I saw him killed by a bullet through the heart and he died instantly on the same date as in the book, at Broodseinde. Came from Victoria. Fairly stout and dark. He came over with the Battn. amongst the first.

Informant. McCabe P.H. 2615
47th Battn.,
War Chest.

W. Alison
London
12-3-17

M.

~~37th~~ Btn.
1st Div Sig Coy

LATHAM, V. J.
Pte. 1226

Killed in action 4/10/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a tall man, well built, dark complexion, moustache, known as "Vic". Casualty was in the advance on the 4th October, 1917, at Broodseinde Ridge near Passchendaele. I don't know how he was killed as there were not any marks visible. I saw Casualty lying on the top of Broodseinde Hill dead. He was buried just near where he fell. A peg was driven into the ground with his name and number on it."

Informant:- H. J. Hales,
No. 286.

Private address:-
Newry Street,
Gippsland.

T.C.F.
22/3/18.

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1st Div Sig Coy
37th Btn.

LATHAM, V. J.
Pte. 1226

Killed in action 4/10/17.

"I know Casualty. He was a man about 5 ft. 8 ins. well built, dark complexion, dark moustache, about 35 years of age, known as Vic. He was an original man. Casualty was advancing at Zonnebeke Ridge. I was in the same party. I did not see Casualty killed but on returning after the advance I saw Casualty dead about 50 yds. from our front line. I am not sure but I think he was buried just where he was lying the next morning."

Informant:- Cpl. T. Sim,
1295 37th Bn

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Stawell Street,
Sale.

T.C.F.
19/4/18.

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