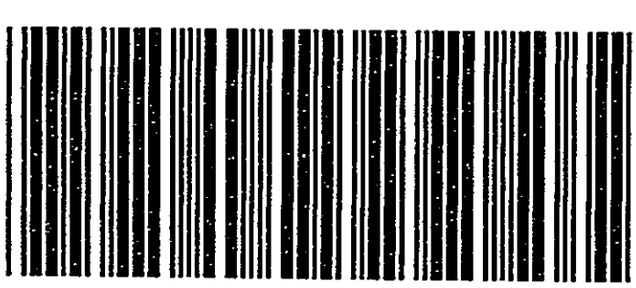
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1138 Corporal
John Thomas Holley

42nd Battalion



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42nd Bettn,
A.I.F.

HOLLEY.
Pte.1138. J.T.

"Died of Wounds 4-7-18"

In answer to your letter of the 21st August asking for particulars of the death of 1138.Pte.Holley.J.T. He was brought to the dressing station suffering from shell wounds of the left leg and Abdoman; the latter wound being the cause of his death. He was buried at the Military Cemetery at Dacurs a cross being erected next day, as a token of esteem from his comrades.

Letter from:- Rcy.S.McGregor.O.C.
4th Aust Fld Amb.
B.E.F. 26-8-18.

London.
6-9-18

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42nd Battn: Holley, J.T. 1138.

D/W. 4/7/18.

I saw him wounded by a M.G. bullet at Hamel while he was training a Lewis gun on a Fritz strongpoint, he was hit on the stomach and was unconscious when the stretcher bearers took him to the First Aid.

I know no other particulars.

42nd Battn: Hook, J. Pte. 2089.

A.11. Dartford. 12/9/18.

R.D.B.

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42nd. Battn.
A.I.F.

HOLLEY.
J. J. M. 38

"Died of Wounds. 4.8.18"

He was in C. Co., and in number 12 Platoon of that company. At time of casualty, when I saw him wounded he was a T/Corporal; he was hit by machine gun bullets, which entered groin and came out through his back. I was with him at the time about 5 o'clock in the morning, at which time we were advancing. He was taken away to a dressing station, was in pain and was semi-conscious. I knew him well, and he came from Durambanda near Goodawindi, Queensland. I cannot give any details of burial, nor can I refer to anyone. He was taken to 41st R.A.P. and it came through company orders that he had died. He was wounded on July 4th, 1918, so must have died the same day. I did hear that he was buried at Daourd.

Informant:- Pte. Thomas. M.J.K. 2891
C. Co. 42nd. Battalion,
3rd. A.A.H.
DARTFORD.

W. Oman.
London.
20.9.18.
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A.I.F.42nd Battn.

HOLLEY
J.T. 1138.Pte.

"Died of Wounds 4/7/18."

Pte. G.E. Parry knew Pte. J.T. Holley very well, and was close to him when he was hit by a machine Gun bullet in the stomach and died (soon after). It was on about July 4th 1918. We were in, or rather near Vaux (on the Somme) and were straightening the line. The stretcher bearers picked up Holley, but he died before reaching the Dressing Station and was buried in the burial ground outside Vaux. The ground was held. (From there on August 8th) we made an advance. His Christian name was Jack, but nicknamed "Bootlace". He was about 30 years of age, slight, and fair.

Informant:- 7438 Pte. G.E. Parry, (Very intelligent
42nd Battn. C. Coy, and certain that
12th Platoon, his information
Kitchener's Hospital, was correct.)
(C. Block)
Brighton.

Home address:-
Agnes Street,
Bundaberg,
Queensland.
Australia.

Laura R. Baird.
5.10.18.
London
12.11.18.
H.G.

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A.I.F. 42nd Btn

HOLLEY(HQ)
not THOLLEY
J.T. 1138

"D/Wounds"

Died of wounds 4th A.F.Amb. S.W.Abdomen, died of heart failure on 4-7-18.
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 19-8-18.

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London
20-8-18

42nd Battn: Holley, J.T. 1138.

D/W. 4/7/18. Date

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42nd Battn: Williamson, A.E.Pte. 2181.

A 15. Dartford. 10/9/18.

R.D.B.

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42nd Battn: Preston, B. Pte. 7334.

A 15. Dartford. 10/9/18.

R.D.B.

1138

Pte Robin V Deakin A.B.C. J. T. Holley
36 Grosvenor Place 42 Battn
London SW.1 D of W 4-7-18

Dear Sir

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Yours truly
Reg S McGillivray
Lieut-Colonel
C/o 4th Aust Field Ambulance

4TH AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE.
No.
Date 28-8-18.

Tel.: VICTORIA 8576 8577 8578

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36, GROSVENOR PLACE.

LONDON S.W. 1.

21-8-18.

The O.C.
4th Australian Dec's Ambulance
B.E.F.

C 1138 J. T. Holley 42nd B.E.A.F.

Dear Sir,

We have been asked by the relatives in Australia to obtain the fullest details possible of the wounds, death and burial of the above, who died in your Hospital on 4-7-18 and would greatly appreciate any information that you may send us.

As we have been informed by various C.O.'s and Adjutants that the receipt of notes of thanks only causes them unnecessary inconvenience, unless you ask us to acknowledge your reply to the above we will not do so, and trust that you will understand that we appreciate it none the less.

With apologies for troubling you,

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Deakin

Secretary.
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