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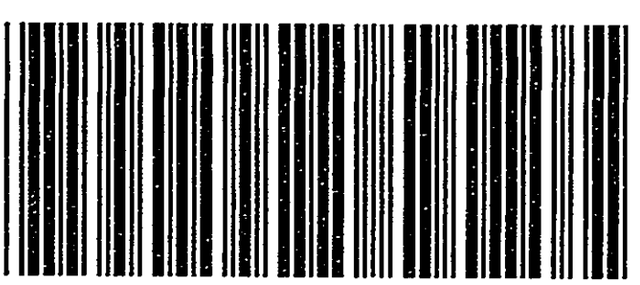
6077 Private
William Jackson

23rd Battalion



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23rd Battn.
A.I.F.

Jackson.
W. 6077

"Killed 20.8.17"

I saw him killed instantly by piece of shell just in front of Ypres. I handed in his papers and disc but do not know particulars of burial. I knew him in the same Coy. for about 6 months. I believe he was married. Big well built man, about 25. Dark hair.

Witness:-
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23rd Battn. B.Coy.
No.3 Command Depot.
Hurdcott

G.W.Griffiths.

London.
9.1.18.

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A.I.F. 23. JACKSON, W. 6077.

K. Sept 20th 1917. Dets.

He was in my platoon and I saw him killed instantly by a shell at 5 o'clock in the evening as we were carrying ammunition to a dump near Westhoek Ridge. He got up but fell down again at once and never moved again. We had to leave him there at the time and I saw his dead body still lying there the following morning when we went into supports. I was told later by a burial party that they had found his body and buried him in the open just over the ridge. He came from NSW but was an Englishman, about 23, tall and thin, about 5ft 11 and clean shaven.

Inf: E.Bullock. 6291. B.V.
No. 1 C.C.
BOULOGNE. 4.2.18.

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A.I.F. 23. JACKSON, W. 6077.

K. Sept.20/17. Det. D & B.

Jackson was in D Co. On Sept.20 we were in the same carrying party at Westhoek Ridge under Lt.Jenkins, and I saw him blown to pieces by a shell. It was about 11 o'clock in the morning. I do not know what became of his remains. He came out, I think, in the 17th Reinforcements.

Reference: Pte.T.Webster, 6478.

No.3 General, Rouen. 14.5.18.

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23rd Battalion.

JACKSON, W.
Private, 6077.

"Killed in Action.20.9.17".

I went away with Jackson in the S.S."Argyleshire" on 1st November, 1916. I knew him well. He was 5'11" in height, fair, clean shaved. I met him in France afterwards. He had gone over before me on 22 September 1917 at Henin Road I saw him struck by a shell. He was killed instantaneously. I was quite near him at the time. He was carrying munitions. He was one of my best pals - a fine fellow.

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RANDWICK.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

FRANCE.

23rd BATT. A.I.F. JACKSON. W. 6077.

K.Sept 20th.1917. Det.

He was in B.Coy, V Platoon. I saw him killed on Wasthoek Ridge by a piece of shell which penetrated his heart. He was buried on the spot and the grave was marked with a cross.

WSI.

Ref ---Pte W.Ledger. 6084.
No 16 Gen. Hospital.

Le Treport. June 12th.1918

23rd Battn. A.I.F.

Jackson, W. Pte. 6077.
B. Coy.

(K. Sep. 20/17) Dets. D/B.

"Jackson was killed just in front of me on September 20th on the Ypres front. We were coming back from carrying ammunition in the afternoon, and Jackson was just in front of me. He was killed instantly by a shell, and a piece went right through his pay-book. He was buried just near where he was killed".

Eyewitness: Yes.

Description: Came from N.S.W. B. Coy.

Informant: Pte. J. H. Ralston, 6396,
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15/6/18.
Gertrude McKinnell.