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**22227 Bombardier  
Maurice Holman**

**6th Field Artillery Brigade**



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6th Army Bgde. Amm. Col.  
A.F.A.

Holman.  
M. 2227

"Killed 5-6.6.17"

I was in same brigade with Holman who was a Bombardier and came from West Australia. His initials was M. He was killed instantly by piece of shell through the head at Ploegsteert Messines. I heard he was buried in a private (I think) cemetery in Ploegsteert. I did not go to his funeral or see his grave but have no doubt it is correct. His pal Bombdr. Woodings told me. Woodings with Brigade.

Witness:-

Bdr. G. Dewar 29479  
6th Army Bgde. A.C.  
29. Hut. Westham.

W.A. Rand.

London.

13.11.17.

Note Written Bdr. Woodings 10.11.17.

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14th February 1918.

B.A.C. 6th Army. A.I.F.

Holman M. No.2227.

K. 5-6th June 1917. Det D/B.

I knew Bombardier Holman. He was in the 16th Batty A.F.A. when he was killed but had come from the B.A.C. His number was a 5 figure number in the 20000's. There was only one Holman in the Ammunition Column. He was about 5 ft 10, aged about 25, and good looking. I saw him killed by a piece of shell which went through his head at Ploegsteert, just behind the Terrace on the 2nd June. He is buried in Ploegsteert Cemetery (The London Mounted Rifle Brigade Cemetery). I did not see his grave. He was killed straight away.

Inf:- Bombdr L. Yates No.25836.  
16th A.F.A.  
Australian Camp.  
Rouelles.

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6th Bde. Amm.Col.  
A.I.F.

HOLMAN  
M. 2227

"Killed 5/6-6-17"

Refer to S/Sgt. Scannlen, 6th Bde., Park Section, who is now in France, he saw him killed at Bailleul on 8-3-18. He was killed in a motor accident, death being instantaneous. *Sgt. S. will be able to give full particulars.*

Informant. Felstead Pte. W.A. 2372  
Amm.Col. 6th Army Bde.  
3rd A.A.H.,  
DARTFORD.

Note:-  
Not sent on. Evidently another man.

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London  
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A.I.F. Fd.Arty.  
6. Bge. 16.Btty.

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HOEHN  
Bombd. M. 2227

Killed June 5th.17.

During the afternoon, about 2 o'clock I saw Holman killed, being hit by shrapnel in the forehead killing him instantly at Ploegsteert and buried in a Military Cemetery about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile from Ploegsteert. I saw his grave, and a cross is erected built of 4" X 2" timber. Lt. Varlow is buried near him. Pte Gillies is also buried alongside him. He had only been with our Btty. four days when he was killed.

Description:- 5ft. 9ins. Fair Age 24. South Australia.

Informant:-. 26362 Sgt. W.H. McCurrie.  
Fd. Arty. 6th Bge. 16th Btty.  
A.I.F. Ward 19.3rd. A.A.H. 4.6.19.

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London.  
16.6.19.  
J.E.A.

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A.I.F. 6th F.A.B.

HOLMAN.  
Bcmbr. M. 2227.

Killed in Action. 5.6.17.

I helped to bury Holman at rear of Ploegstreet Terrace about 8th June, 17.  
He was only with the Brigade a few days and although I distinctly  
remember the burial, yet I cannot now give a personal description of  
the man.

Informant: B.S.M. McSweeney J. 6th F.A.B.,  
"Glencra" Canning Street,  
North "elburne.

C.S. Gray. Sgt.  
T.S. "KILDONAN CASTLE".  
7.5.19.

London.  
31.7.19.

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16th Battery

Holman,  
Edr. M. 2227

K/A. 5-6/6/17

Edr. Holman joined our Battery (the 16th) about the end of May 1917 and went up to the gun pits which were at Ellegstreet during the Messines Stunt and was killed a few days after his arrival. Although I did not see him killed I am sure this was so as it was common knowledge throughout the Battery. I saw his effects afterwards which were sent home to his people by Sgt. Bellette of the same Battery. I do not know Sgt. Bellette's address but he comes from Hobart, Tasmania.

Informant:- Sgt. D. Campbell,  
16th Battery A.F.A.  
Private Address:- 12 Station Street,  
Camberwell, Vic.

R. S. Rolph,  
H.M.A.T. "Sardinia"  
8/6/19.

*True & correct J.E.A.*

6th F. A. Bde.

HOLMAN,  
Bdr. N. 2227

K/A. 5-6/6/17

Belonged to the 16th Battery and was killed in action on 5/6/17  
at Ploegstiart. He was buried at the Rifle Brigade Cemetery.

Informant:- Col. Cohen,  
C. O., 6th F.A.B.

Private Address:- C/o Cohen & Wilson,  
Solicitors,  
Melbourne.

R. S. Rolph,  
H.M.A.T. "Sardinia"  
8/6/19.

Twee C<sup>d</sup> suff.  
Perls.

J. A.