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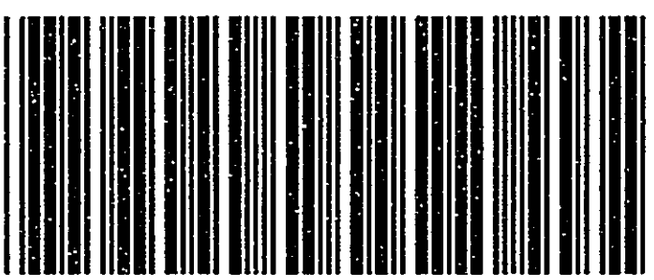
3084 Private
James Andrew Lang

26th Battalion



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A.I.F. 26th Battn.

LANG
J.A.3084

"REPATRIATED PRISONER OF WAR"

Arrived Dover 19.12.18
Cert. by Information from A.I.F.Hqrs 20.12.18

London
26.12.18

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26th Batt,
A.I.F.

Lang, J.A. 3084.

"Prisoner of War"

Transferred Friedrichsfeld

Post-Card from Man dated 27.8.17

London 27.10.17

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26th Batt,
A.I.F.

Lang,
J.A 3084

"Prisoner of War"

Interned Wahn,
Cert, by Post-Card from Man dated 14.4.17

London
22.6.17

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A.I.F. 26th Btn

LANG
J.A. 3084

"PRISONER OF WAR"

"Inform 3084 Lang 26th Btn, Prisoner of War Limburg - Next of Kin well send love".
Message recd. in Brisbane cable 15-6-17.

London
20-6-17

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26th Battn.
A. I. F.

Lang.
J. A. 3084.

"Missing 26.3.17."

Prisoner of War. Interned Gof Limburg. Wounded right shoulder. Cert. by information from German List dated 8.5.17.

London.
2.6.17.

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26th A.I.F.
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ditto

LANG J.A. No.3084.
Galbraith R.F. No.3491.
Humphrys 2nd Lieut. F.S.

M. 26th March 1917.

At Lagnicourt on the 26th March after we got the German front line Mr.Humphrys went out with a M.G.Party and four men. We saw the Germans come in from the flank and take him and the four men prisoners. I know there was Corporal Lang and Galbraith with him. Mr.Humphrys was not wounded when we saw him taken. We went out but found we had no chance of doing anything for them.

Inf:- Pte W.T.Jones No.3503.
H.S."Peter Conniek".
Calais. 26.5.17. MM.

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A. I. F. 26.

LANG, J.A. 3084.

(and 5 others)

M, March 26th, 1917.

They were all machine gunners. Mr. Humphrys was in charge of the sec. The machine gun got blocked and the stock was blown off. Then Fritz came over and took the lot prisoner. Cpl. Stafford,T. was one who was there and got away. He was recommended for that day's work. He is now in England. S/B.Harrison was also near by and told me about it.

RBA.

Reference:- P. Foley. 4135.
No. 13 Gen. Hosp.

Written Cpl Stafford, Sgt Harrison } 4.6.17

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22.5.17.

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24th May.1917.

26th AUSTRALIANS

LANG, J.A. 3084, and 6 others
(For full list of names see report on Browne, Cpl. T. 4099)
M. March 26th. 1917.

These boys were all in A. Company and were at an advanced post at Legnicourt on March 26th. 1917, between 7 and 9a.m. The enemy worked round them and as our machine guns seemed to blow out they were able to take our boys prisoners of war. Our boys were seen going over to the enemy with their hands up and were marched away. Lt. T.S. Humphrys of the 26th Batt., A. Co., was in charge of the Party and has been taken prisoner of war also. This information was read out in Battalion orders. The Germans were in force 10 to 1. Our boys had no chance at all. It was a wet muddy sleety day andthey could not use their rifles.

Informant: Pt. C.H. Finch 5585
26th Australians. B.Co., V.Pltn.
Australian Comp, Rouelles

RBA.

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26th A. I. F.

J. A. LANG, 3084
W. H. WOOD, 3157

Missing 26.3.17.

I was told by Sergt.H.Smith, A.Coy. 26th A.I.F. that these two men had been taken Prisoners at Lagnicourt on the 26th March/17. I saw Sergt.Smith last on the 1st May, 1917, when he was with the Battn. I knew both of these men well, they came over with my Coy.. It was in consequence of enquiries I made that Smith told me this. The story as I heard it, was that these men and others were surrounded during an attack and were taken then.

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Reference: Pte.G.Thompson, 3145, A.Coy.

No.9 General, Rouen, 26.5.17. WTMR.

A. I. F. 26. LANG.J.A. 3084.
(and 4 others).

M. March 26th, 1917.

Whilst we were in front of Lagnicourt (we had just taken the village) we established three posts. I was in No. 3 the extreme left. No. 2 post sent over to say they were in difficulties and would we help them. We therefore set off towards them but as we mounted a small ridge we could see they were surrounded. All these men were in No. 2 post. This was on March 26th. They were all in A.Coy. I got the D.C.M. that day. Pte. Lang was in the post, there is no doubt about that, though I could not see him being marched away as in the case of Cpl. Browne and Sgt. McMurtrie. I did not know him well except as a L.gunner. He was a big chap.

Reference:- Cpl. Stafford, A. 3167. NC.

A.I.F. 26.A.
L. Gun School.

Etaples
30.5.17.

4.6.17

Cpl T. STAFFORD

26 Batt AH

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C B HARRISON

100 3084 J.A. LANG

26 Batt

M. 26.3.17

8.6.17

HOSPITAL 3rd Southern General The Base Ox

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	Westmoreland	H. J	361	

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SURNAME	Christian Name.	Regtl.No.	R
Jordan	Leslie	399	r

STATEMENT C

NOTE. In all cases state f[illegible] what informant says he saw or heard and give DATE AND PLACE of occurrence.

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"I am afraid that Herbert Westmo
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a letter came from Germany fo
prisoners, but his name was not

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1. Was Informant Eye-Witness?	no	2. If no of
3. Was the ground held or lost?	Lost	4. If Inf was the
5. Did Informant know Christian Name, Initials or No. of man enquired about?	Herbert an original no.	6. Was t nam
7. Give Informant's description of man enquired about—any nickname, marks, scars, etc.	fair & nuggetty.	
8. *Searcher's opinion of Informant's accuracy and intelligence*	quite intelligent	