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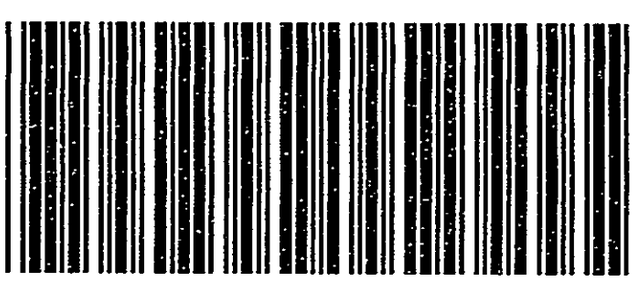
4640 Private
Joseph Henry Ingram

3rd Battalion



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A.I.F.
3rd BATTALION.

INGRAM, Private,
J.H. - 4640.

"DIED OF WOUNDS 21/3/18." Joseph Henry

Ingram's name was Joe, and he was in D Company, 14th Platoon with me. He was about 5ft. 2 or 3ins., medium complexion, and build, came from a Sydney Suburb - he was a tiler or builder. He was badly gassed on 21/3/18 near Ypres at a place he called "Spoil Bank," he was on gun duty at the time, and he and several others were gassed - he died the same day. I did not see him after he was gassed but was told about it in April by Ingram's pal - Corporal Watson, No. 3935, who was with Ingram at the time. Watson who told me Ingram died at the Clearing Station is still, I believe, with the Battalion.

Informant - Corporal A.G. Gaukrodger, 2648, D.C.M.,
3rd Battalion, D Company, 16th Platoon,
Home Address - Pittwater Road,
St. Ives. PYMBLE.

H.S.O.
No.4 Australian General Hospital,
R A N D W I C K.

4/10/18.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

A.I.F. 3. INGRAM J.H. 4640.

Joseph Henry

D/W March 21st 1918. Det D/B.

Ingram (gives number correctly) was in my platoon D. XVI. His address Brighton Avenue, Croydon N.S.W. He was gassed in the Tunnel at Spoil Bank near Ypres in March. I forget the date, but it was on a Sunday night, about II.p.m. He had got a small dose of it the night before and was in bed when he got another lot which came into the tunnel in which we were billeted. Seven of my platoon got gassed but he was the only one who died of it. I saw them take him away on a stretcher, and we heard afterwards that he died but I can give no particulars.

Inf. Cpl. A.N. Fletcher I359 D.XVI.
No 55 Gen Hosp.
BOULOGNE. I8.7 I8.

JT,

Havre 24th July 1918.

A.I.F. 3. Ingram J.H No.4640.

Joseph Henry

D/W 21st March 1918.

I knew him from being in the Battn. He was on the short side, dark, nothing special about him. On the 21st March we were at Spoilbank in reserve. In the early morning Fritz put over a gas barrage and Ingram who was on gas guard in the tunnel got badly gassed. I was there and was also gassed. I saw Ingram being taken to the A.D.S. I heard that he died and was buried there.

Inf:- Sergt. T. Rennie No.1574.
A.I.F. 3. A. II.
Australian Conv. Depot.
Rouelles.

CWSO.

J.E.A.

PP.

3rd Battalion.
A.I.F.

INGRAM, Private
Joseph Henry, 4640.

Y.W. 21.3.18

" I was gassed at the Spoil Bank Tunnels on March 21st 1918, and I am a lucky boy to be alive to tell the tale. I was asleep when the alarm was given as was also my mate, one Joe Ingram, by name, and we were not awakened and when we did wake we had had our "Issue" of it, (presumably ~~Gunner Kale~~ private Angus means "of the Gas") and could only keep our masks on for a short time on account of the coughing fits. Poor Joe died four hours later."

Copy of letter from - ~~G[illegible]~~ Private F. J. G. Angus No 3682
~~5th [illegible]~~
3rd Battalion A.I.F.

J. E. A.

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1.I.F. 3rd Bn

INGRAM
Joseph Henry 4640

"Died 21-3-18"

Gassed - died of wounds 21-3-18 at 3rd Aust: Fld. Amb. previously reported 1st A.F.Amb.
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 11-6-18.

London
12-6-18

3rd Battn.
A.I.F.

INGRAM
J.H. 4640
Stoke Heath

"Died of Wounds 21-3-18"

Re 4640 Pte.J.H.Ingram, 3rd Battn. This soldier died from Gas Poisoning at the advanced dressing station, Voormezeele on the morning of 21-3-18, and was buried in the Military Cemetery adjoining.

Letter from:- The O.C.,
No.3 A.Fld.Amb.
21-6-18

London
27-6-18
J.E.A.

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4640 J. H. Ingram
3rd Bttn
D/W 21-3-18

No. 3
AUSTRALIAN
FIELD AMBULANCE,
21-6-18

Secretary
Wounded & Missing Enquiry
Bureau.
Aust. Red. Cross. Soc.

Ref. your enquiry dated
13/6/18 re. No. 4640.
Pte. J. H. Ingram
3rd Bn.

This soldier died from
Gas Poisoning at the
A.D.S. Voormezeele.
on the morning of 21/3/18
and was buried in the
Military Cemetery
adjoining.

Made Lt. Col.
C.O. No. 3 A.F. Amb.

Tel.: VICTORIA {8576 8577 8578

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36, GROSVENOR PLACE.

LONDON S.W. 1.

13.6.18

No. 4640

Pte Joseph Henry Ingram

3rd Battalion

Australian Imperial Force

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 21.3.18 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.

To

The O.C.

3rd Australian Field Ambulance

B.E.F.