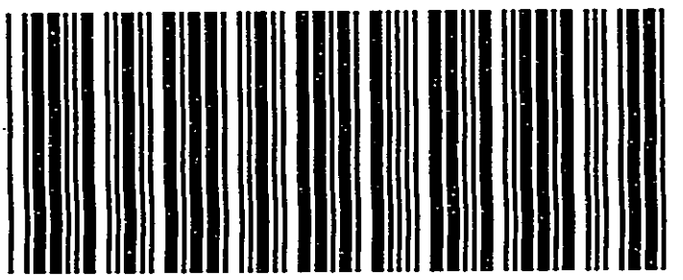
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6565 Private Joseph John Sanderson

3rd Battalion



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A.I.F. 3rd Battn.

SANDERSON
J.J.6565
not 5565

KILLED IN ACTION 23/8/18

Killed in action 23/8/18 - No further report
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs List 4/10/18.

London
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3rd Battalion 21st Reinforcements. SANDERSON J.J.Private. 6565.
24th Reinforcements. Vinucane V. Private 7241.

"Killed 23/8/18."
"Killed 23/8/18"

I did not know these men personally but I know that Sanderson was buried near Chuignes and Vinucane more to the South at Chuignolles; they had been killed in August last in action where they were buried. I remember them as I registered their graves and remember their names. They were not buried in cemeteries but on the field where they fell and rough crosses erected on Vunicane's grave and I made a rough cross and wrote his name on Sanderson's and left his disc on the cross but I sent in the official record with map location of the graves.

Informant: Sergeant A. Wilkins 192.
3rd Battalion B Company,

Home address:
c/o Mrs G. Howlett,
Victoria Street,
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H.S.O.
28/11/18.
Rawson Chambers,

SYDNEY BUREAU.

A.I.F. 3rd Battn. SANDERSON
J.J. 6565.

"Killed 23/8/18."

He was in C. Coy, and I saw him killed at Chuignes when death was instantaneous, he being hit by bullets in stomach. Casualty happened in the morning of August 23rd 1918 at which time he was beside my gun during our advance. I knew him very well and he came from Cimera, New South Wales. I cannot give any details of burial, for we continued our advance, but think he would be buried near village of Chuignes, where he was killed. Refer to Cpl. Veulah, G. "C" Coy, 3rd Battn., who is now in France, for he will know place of burial.

Informant:- Pte. G.T. Huntington, 5782.
"C" Coy, 3rd Battn.
3rd A.A. Hospital,
Dartford.

W. O'Han.
London
29.11.18.
H.G. Note:- Written Cpl. Veulah, 26.11.18. S.

Letter returned marked — Not with Unit
3.11.18

3rd Battn.
A.I.F.

SANDERSON.
J.J. 6565.

"Killed in Action 23-8-16"

Was a private in C.Company. 3rd Battalion. tall, medium build, fair. We came over together in Ceramic from Sydney on 7th October 1916. He was killed by a sniper near Proyart on 23rd August about 9.a.m. I did not see him hit, but saw him lying dead about 2 hours later. Do not know nature of wound but was told he was shot through the chest. A burying party from B.Company buried him next day.

Informant:- Pte.W.Mc Kell.
B.Company. 3rd Battalion.

H.S.Cowan.
London.
19-3-19.
J.E.A.

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A.I.F.
3rd Bttn.

SANDERSON.
J.J. 6565

Killed 23.8.18.

Was a Pte. in. C.Coy 3rd Bttn, tall, medium build, fair. I saw him lying dead at Proyart on 24rd Aug. but did not examine him and don't know nature of wound. I saw his grave the day after and visited it again about a week later with his brother, from the 2nd Div. Artillery. It had a little wooden cross on it, with his tin hat and identification disc. He was buried about 250 yards to the right of the road on the flat near Railway just before reaching the big ridge at Proyart.

Informant:- Pte.J.Horton 7589
C.Coy. 3rd Bttn.
A.I.F. 23.3.19.

H.S. Cowan.
London.
7.4.19.

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3rd BATTALION. A.I.F.
21st Reinforcement.

SANDERSON,
Private J.J. 6565.

"KILLED, 23.8.18."

Informant described Sanderson as about 5 feet 10 inches high, fair complexion, aged about 29 years. Thought to have come from Dubbo, and to have been a Farmer.

Informant states they both belonged to C.Company and the same Platoon.

On 23.8.18 the Battalion was in action in front of Chuignolles near Mericourt. They hopped over early in the morning, and about 8.30 or 9 a.m. when they had just reached the objective which was about a mile from the jump-off spot, Sanderson was killed outright. Informant was very close to Sanderson at the time, and passed him lying on the ground. He never saw Sanderson again, but knows that burial parties were sent out to collect the killed, so that there is little doubt that Sanderson was picked up and buried.

According to Informant, Sanderson was well thought of by his mates.

INFORMANT: Private W.H.TURNER, 6111,
C.Coy, 3rd Battalion, A.I.F.

Home address: West Avenue, GLEN INNES. N.S.W.

W.E.G.
Anzac Buffet, SYDNEY.
11.6.19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

3rd BATTALION. A.I.F.
21st Reinforcement.

SANDERSON,
Private J.J. 6565.

"KILLED, 23.8.18."

Informant described Sanderson as about 5 feet 9 inches high, fair complexion, aged about 25 years. He was a Farmer in civil life.

Informant states they both belonged to "C" Company and the same Platoon.

On 23.8.18 the Battalion was in action at Chuignolles. They hopped over at ½ past 5 a.m. and the objective was captured at about 7 a.m. Just before that time Sanderson was killed outright by Machine Gun fire. Informant was about 4 yards away and saw Sanderson fall, but had no time to investigate, as he had to keep going in the advance. Sanderson was no doubt picked up and buried, as burial parties were sent out after the action.

According to Informant, Sanderson was well thought of by his mates.

INFORMANT: Private E.L. Stewart, 4080,
C.Coy, 3rd Battalion, A.I.F.

Home address: Park Street, WELLINGTON. N.S.W.

W.E.G.
Anzac Buffet, SYDNEY.
11.6.19.

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To

Cpl C. Veulah

C Co. 3rd Bttn

A.I.F.

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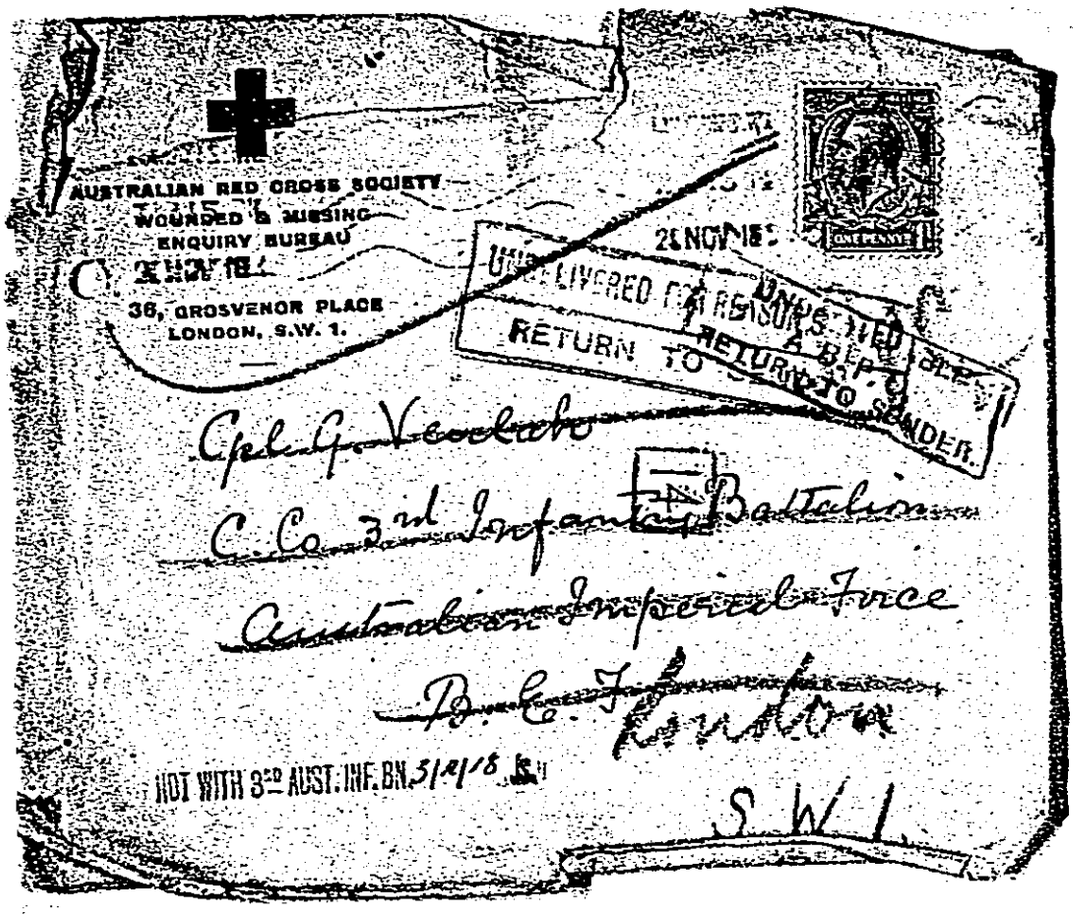
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Written 26.11.18

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26.11.18

Cpl G. Veula.
C. Co 3rd Bttn. A.I.F

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries about 2 men of your unit,

6565 Pte J.J. Sanderson - 3rd Bttn A.I.F
& 7241 Pte T. Finucane reported Killed 23-8-18
" " 23.8.18

and have been told that you may be able to help us by supplying some information.

We should be most grateful for any details you can send us concerning them, but our enquirers wish especially to know whether they were buried, if so, whether it was on the field, or in a soldiers' cemetery where the graves would be registered. We would also be glad if you could add a short description of their personal appearance or any points that might help to prove their identity.

In your reply kindly quote name, initials and number, as without these particulars delay and confusion might be caused in identifying the soldiers about whom you have written.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Sandilands.

Secretary.

per M.E.