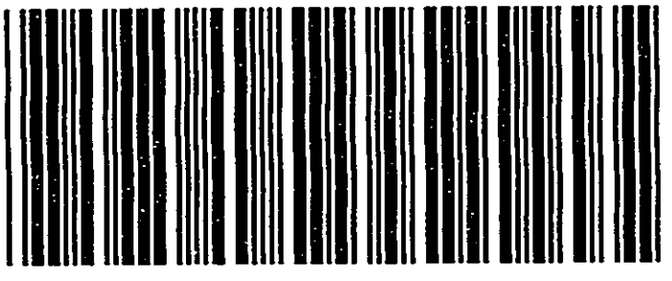
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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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3170 Corporal
Wilfred James Rose

53rd Battalion



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53rd Battn. A.I.F.

ROSE

Cpl. W.J. 3170

K. 1/9/18

Buried Peronne Communal Cemetery Extension, 1.19E.

Extracted from Capt. Spedding's List of 16/10/19

Melbourne

16/12/19

53rd. Battn. K. 1/9/18. Rose, W.J. 3170.

I saw Rose's grave about 30 yards from a cemetery at Mont St. Quentin, and also the cross on it giving all particulars.

Hampton, J.S. 2674.

53rd. Battn.

B. 30. Dartford. 29/10/18.

R.D.B

53rd Battn: Rose, W.J. 3170.

K. 1/9/18.

I saw Rose's grave in a small cemetery near Peronne. It had a cross on it giving all particulars when and where he was killed.

53rd Battn: McGrath, F.J.Sgt.2873.

A 11. Dartford. 19/10/18.

R.D.B.

S.

A.I.F. 53.

ROSE, W.J. 3170.
& 5 others.

K. Sept 1st 1918.

I did't see above, who were all members of D.Co (Lt. Anslow was XVI pltn, but I don't know platoons of others, Rose was a Cpl.) killed by shell fire about Mont St Quentin as I was wounded three or four days before, but I have seen their graves with a memorial cross which was erected with about 60 names which included above. I am sure the names of Littleton and S.E. (not P.E.) Sowter were included.

Inf: Pte.A.E.Stonestreet. 2488. D.XVI.
No. 3 Aust Gen Hosp.
ABBEVILLE. 20.10.18.

HEH

S.

F. A.

Havre 28th Octr 1918.

Australiane. 53. Rose W.J. 3170.

K. 1st Septr 1918. Dot D/B.

I knew him well. He came from Sydney. He was a professional runner. About 35, medium height and light build. He was killed on the 2nd September near Peronne while holding the line near the railway. He is buried where he was killed on the back of the railway about 1 mile from the British Military Cemetery at Peronne. I saw the grave.

Inf:- L/Cpl A.G.Webb No. 5479.
A.I.F. 53. C. IX.
Austrs. Conv. Depot.

CWSG.

S.

PP.

53rd Battn.
A.I.F.

ROSS.
W.J. 3170.

"Killed in Action 1-9-18"

He was in B.Company. 6th Platoon. I knew him well. There was no other of that name there. He was 5ft 6. thin, and 24 years old. At Peronne on Sept 1st 1918 at about 7.30. and he was killed in the trench by shell fire. He died instantly. Body and Head wounds. I helped to carry him away to burial in Military Cemetery near Peronne Bridge. A cross was erected There were many other graves there. Fritz never got these parts again. Refer to Mick O'Malley.1070. S/B. 53rd Battalion.

Informant:- C.W.Harris.3396.
53rd Bn. D.Coy.
ALDWYCH.

W.M.Kennedy.
London.
5-11-18.
H.G.

Note:- Written to O'Malley 23-10-18. S.

53rd. Battn. A.I.F.

Rose,
Cpl. W.J. 3170

Killed in Action 1.9.18.

Informant saw Cpl. Rose's name amongst the officers and men killed at St. Denis, on Sept. 1st 1918. It was on the large cross erected near where they were buried. They were all killed by a shell instantaneously, whilst in a delapitated farm house in the front line of their objective. The ground was held. He was called Freddie in Regiment.

Informant:- Pte. Herbert Buckman. 1616. (Intelligent)
53rd Battn. H.Q.Co.,
A.I.F. B.E.F.

Home Address:- 156, Westbourne St.,
Hove,
Sussex.

Isabel Turner,
17.10.18.
London,
.1.18.
H.C.

S.

53rd Battn.
A.I.F.

ROSE.
W.J. 3170.

"Killed in Action 1-9-18"

Re Cpl.W.J.Rose. No 3170. B.Coy. 53rd Battn. A.I.F. He was killed not on the 1-9-18 but the 2-9-18. He died instantly and was buried by me in the soldiers part of the Pernonne Cemetery. He has a cross at his head and his name is also on large memorial cross at the same place, erected in memory of the boys of the 53rd Battalion who fell near the spot. I have attended his grave personally on two occasions since he was buried. He was about 26 years of age, medium height, fair features, and blue eyes. He came from Newingham Road Marrickville,New South Wales.

Letter from:- 1710.Pte.M.G.O'Malley.
B.Coy. 53rd Battalion.A.I.F.
FRANCE.
S.

London.
13-11-18.
J.E.A.

53rd Battn.
A.I.F.

ROSE.W.J. 3010
Lyons.T.P.3346

"KILLED 1-9-18"

I saw their graves in a Cemetery just outside Peronne near where the memorial was erected to the 57 Officers, N.C.Os. and men of the 53rd Battn. killed on 1st Sept./18. A photo of the memorial was published in the Anzac Bulletin last month.

Informant - Miller.Pte.R.S. 2190
53rd Battn. D.Coy.
3rd A.A.H.
DARTFORD.

H.T.Cowan
28-11-18
London
3-12-18
H.G.

Note:- Informant showed photograph cut out of Anzac Bulletin, but there was no date on it. H.T.C.

S.

53rd Batn.,
A.I.F.

ROSE, W.J. 3170.
Sowter, P.E. 3499.
Styles, W.J. 1745
Bradley, E.W. 4694.
Ismay, J. 3511A
Johnson, A.C.D. 2688.
Littleton, J.B. 2437.
Lyons, T.P. 3546.
McArdle, L/Cpl. R.F. 4824.
Mathers, T. 3502.

"Killed 1st Sept. 1918."

"I am a Painter attached to Batn. Headquarters and I painted all these names on a large Memorial Cross which is erected in the French Cemetery at Peronne. They were all killed in the vicinity of Peronne September 1st 1918 but are not necessarily buried in the Peronne French Gemetery. I made small Crosses for most of them as well. There is a record of locality of Grvaes with Batn. Headquarters.

Informant:-L/Cpl. A.V.Fisher, 2280,
53rd Aust. H.Q. Sig. (Painter by Trade),
Aust. Conv. Camp,
Rouelles.

London,
7-1-19.

S.

Rose W. J. Cpl. Gen. Cas.

3170
53rd Bn.
Aug 1st Bks

Helped James.

What rank
& what date death please?

N/a. 1.9.18.

H-Q 5.11.18.

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W. J. Rose
53rd Batt'n

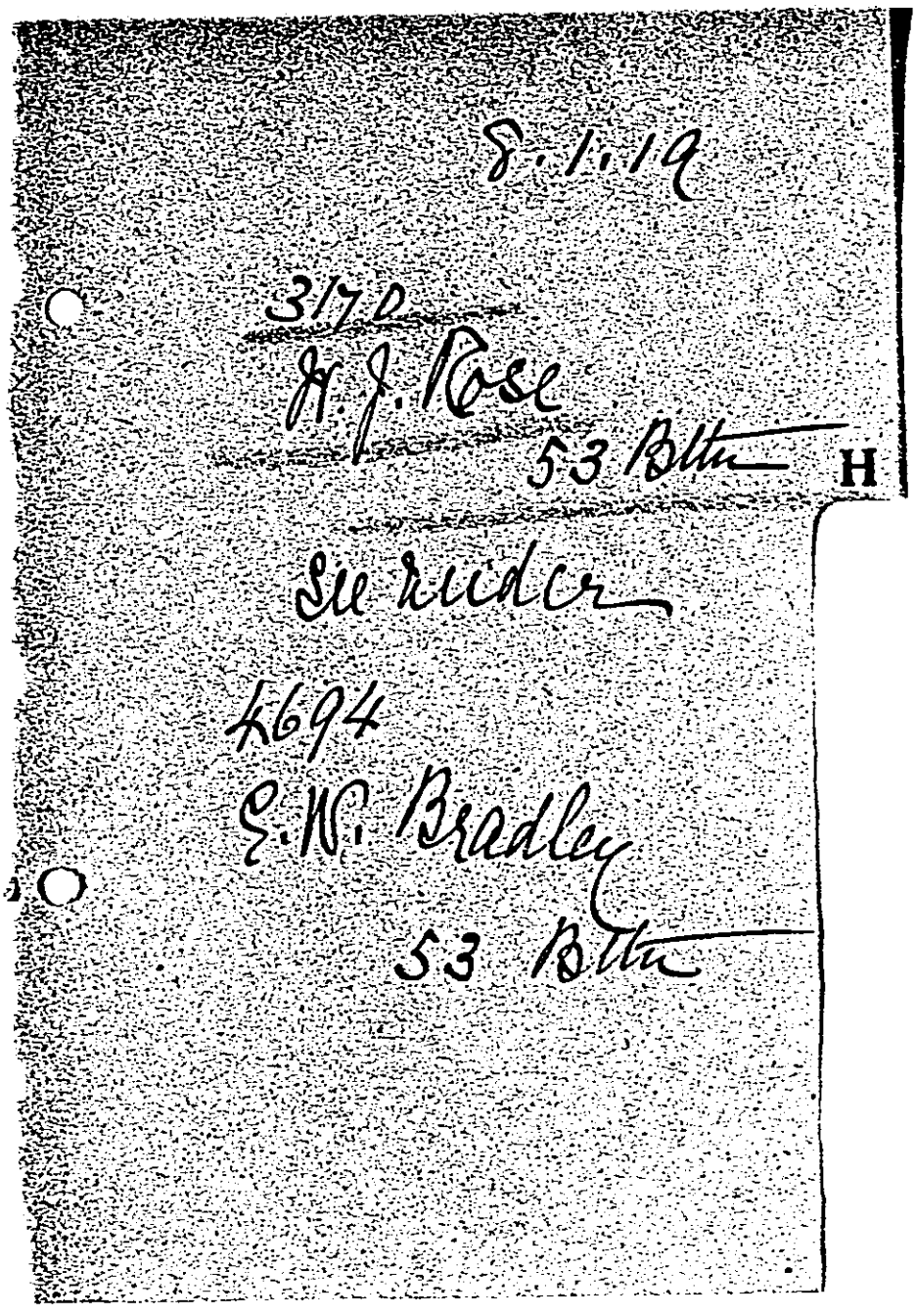
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CC (23.10.18.

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Pte. Mick O'Malley S/B
53rd Batln. A.I.F.
abroad

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3170
Pte. W.J. Rose
B Coy. VI Pltn.
53rd Batln. A.I.F.
K. 1.9.18.

23.10.18.
A.I.B.


8.1.19
317 D
H. J. Rose
53 Blk
H
See Ledger
4694
E. W. Bradley
53 Blk

ack.
p.c. 2.11.18
J.E.D.

3170
W. J. Rose
53rd Batt.
K. in A. 1.9.18

France
28/10/18

S2 J.C.

Dear Madam

In answer to your enquiry of the 23/10/18 which I received today concerning Cpl. W. J. ROSE No 3170 B Coy 53rd Bn A.I.F he was killed not on the 1/9/18 but the 2/9/8 he died instantly and was buried by me in the Soldiers part of the peronne cemetry he has a cross at his head and his name is also on a large memorial cross at the same place erected in memory of the Boys of the 53rd Bn who fell near that spot I have attended his grave personally on two occasions since he was buried. He was about 26 years of age medium height fair features and Blue Eyes he came from Newingham Rd Marrickville N.S.W. Hoping this Information will Suffice

I Remain
Yours Obediently
No 1710 Pte. M. G. O'Malley
B. Coy
53rd Bn
A. I. F.