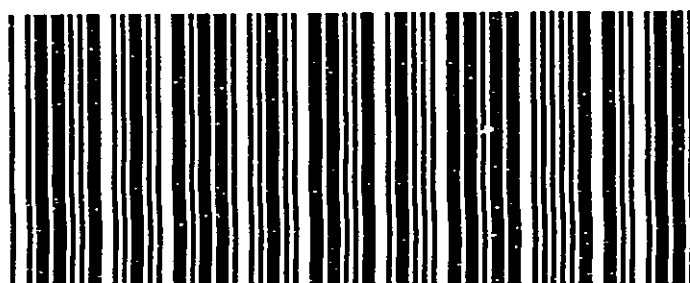


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**3442 Private
Henry Saunders**

53rd Battalion



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53rd A. I. F.

H. SAUNDERS, 3442

late 3rd

Missing ¹⁹20.7.16

Saunders is back again with the Battn. He left on the 3rd Sept. to go into Hospital with a Septic Foot.

Reference: Pte.H.Hubbert, Stretcher-Bearer
CC/74, 53rd A.I.F.

No.6 General, Rouen, 9.2.17

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SAUNDERS, H. 3442

M. July 20th 1916.

There was a Saunders, initial H, in the B.Coy, who was severely wounded on July 19th in the Fromelles stunt. He was Sergt. of Bombers and his number would be about right. He was with me right through in Egypt and here. If this is the man, he is in Blighty. I saw him when I was on leave in London, just before Christmas, and talked with him. There was something wrong with his leg. I don't know what hospital he was in - something Bush, I think.

HI Informant: Sergt. J.O'Driscoll. D.Coy.
No. 5 B.R.C.S. Hospital.
BOULOGNE. 5.4.1917. S

2665 Sgt F. Saunders, 53 Battr, ad: 30 Jul 4. 21.7.16

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53rd A. I. F.

H. SAUNDERS. 3442.

Missing 20.7.16.

Informant gave Co.B. Pl.7 (Sect.12) and initial as H. He was in same section until transferred to 8 Pl. Pte. L. E. Carter B Co. 7 Pl. (still with the unit) told Informant after the Fromelles attack that he saw Saunders killed there.

Reference: Pte. E. B. Taylor, 3528. B Co. 6 Pl.

No.6 General, Rouen. 16.4.17.

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Written Pte L. E. Carter 20-4-17

53rd A. I. F.,

Saunders, H., 3442,
B. Company,

M. July 20th 1916.

"At Fromelles on the night of 19-20th July 1916 we went over to take the German trench, but had to retire next day. I was not an eye witness but I was told by an officer of the 54th Battalion A. I. F., that he had seen Saunders' dead body and had taken off the identification disc and had handed it to the Headquarters of the 53rd Battalion. I was told after I returned to the 53rd Battalion in December 1916. I knew Saunders well. He came from Gular in S.-E.-W N.S.W. I was wounded on the 20th July and when with the Battalion before that I was in the VII Pltn., and Saunders was in the same Platoon.. When I returned to the Battalion in December I was in the VIII Pltn., till I was wounded on the 20th May. His name was Harry Saunders, he was a Pte."

Eye Witness: No, told by an officer of 54th Battalion.

Description: 5ft. 10ins, 26 or 28 years, very dark hair,
clean shaven, tooth missing in front.

Informant:-- L/Cpl. Lancelot Eric Carter, 4752,
53rd A. I. F., B. Coy.,

3rd London General Hosp: Wandsworth, S.W.

14.6.17.

E. Liddell. Home address:-- Australian Military Offices.

Plt L. E. Carter

B. Coy

53 Batta A. I. F

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for

2442 H. Saunders

53 Batta A. I. F

Rep M. 20-4-16

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H. E.

30-4-17