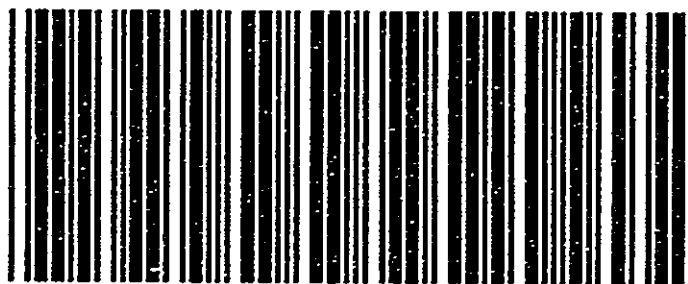


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**6096 Private
Montgomery Pointer
(Frank Montgomery)**

24th Battalion



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28th February 1918.

24th A.I.F.

Montgomery F. No. 6096.

K. 9th Octr 1917. Det D/8.

Montgomery was a signaller. I think he was in A. Coy. He was signalling in a shell hole on the 8th Octr near Polygon Wood. There was a lot of sniping going on at the time and Montgomery was caught by a bullet and killed outright. We made an attack on that day and carried our objective. Montgomery was slim with fairly dark hair. He came from Sydney. He was one of our best signallers.

Inf:- Pte T. R. Hartney No. 5594.
24th A.I.F. D. Co. XIV Pltn.
Australian Camp.
Revelles.

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24th Battn.
A.I.F.

Montgomery.
F. 6096

"Killed 9.10.17"

I am the Signwriter for the battalion, and I received instructions from Headquarters to write the names and numbers on crosses which were erected over the graves of the men mentioned in the list attached. The men who were killed in September, October and November are buried on the Ypres front near Polygon Wood.

Informant:- Pte. Frank E. Buchanan 4666
24th Battn. H.Q. Pioneers
Grecian St., L Broughton Hpl.

Home address:
"Beverley" Western Beach,
Geelong, Victoria, Aust:

S. Edwards
25.2.18.

London.

5.3.18.

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Note For full list see under 5925 C.M. Bell
in General Correspondence Files.

Searcher's note

The informant had with him the list he received from battalion #412
of names and numbers of men for whom the crosses were made.

24th A.I.F.

Montgomery Pte. F. 6086.

(K. Oct. 9th 1917)

I state that Pte. Montgomery was shot by a sniper at or beyond Broedseinde Ridge through the chest. He was quite conscious and showed no pain and quite calm and handed his papers to me as he knew he was killed. Then I had to leave him with the stretcher bearers and I did not hear where he was buried. He was exceedingly brave and the calmest man I ever saw.

Eye-witness: Yes

Description: Tall, but did not know him well, so cannot describe him.

Informant: Lt. A.L. Bacon,
24th A.I.F.,
3rd London General Hopt.,
Wandsworth.

Home address:

March 7th 1918,
W. Arnold Davies.

24th Battn.
A.I.F.

MONTGOMERY
P. 6096

"Killed 9-10-17"

Was in B. Coy., called Monty. He was killed instantly by a sniper. Was hit through the head. I saw his body immediately after he was hit. It happened at Ypres during the stunt. We had just "got over" when he was hit. He was buried on the Ypres Sector (Polygon Wood). There was a Cross put up with his No., name, etc. The Cross was made by Pts. Buchanan, H. Qrts., Pioneers.

Informant. King G.J. 6325

24th Battn.,
HAREFIELD.

W.G.J.
London
13-3-18

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A.I.F. 24

MONTGOMERY, F. 6096.

K. Oct. 9th, 1917. Det.

Montgomery was D. Coy's signr. I dont remember his initials or no. but he was the only man of that name in the coy. He was dark, clean, shaven, about 5ft. 9. or 10 and from about 26 to 30. I dont know if he was married. I saw his dead body lying in no-man's-land on 9th Oct. during the fighting round the Ypres Sector. I heard he was afterwards buried but I cant say where.

Inf. Pte. R.G. Gladstone, 6315, D. Coy runner.
No. 3. Can. Gen.
BOULOGNE 15.3.18.

AGL.

S. G. 2/17

6096 Sigallas David Montgomery.
2nd Battalion

○ Killed in action Oct 9. 1917

Send any accounts please to

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A. J. B. 157
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P.C. 15
3.5.18

To the Res Com.

If you could send any news of
this address to his pastor - it
must be a very good Compro-
- your most of fault -

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Australian Draft

3.5.18

Mr. O. Pointer

Fairhall

Smyleton

N.S.W.

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6096 Pte Frank Montgomery

24th Batt. A.I.F.

L.B.

3.5.18

Rillyard,

Morlake.

Dec. 9. 1915

Dear Miss Beakin,

I beg to acknowledge with deepest gratitude your letter of Oct. 22nd - enclosing the message from Private Sarge about the death of my dear son - It was indeed most thoughtful of him to try & find the friends of his comrades - the five fellows certain news of their fate - We are very thankful to know our boy died peacefully, but shall ever regret he was not spared to do more in his great struggle - Your inquiry bureau is bringing much consolation & rest to many anxious hearts - With very grateful thanks for your message to me,

Believe me, Dear Miss Beakin,

Yours sorrowfully

Wendell Montgomery