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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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1728 Sergeant
John Thomas Meehan

17th Battalion



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A.I.F. 17th Btn
2nd Rfts

INTERVIEW
P/Sgt John Thos.

1726

"M. 21-11-16"

Killed in Action 21-11-16 - previously reported Missing
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 9-5-17.

London
10-5-17

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A.I.F. 2/17th Btn

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P/Sgt. John Thomas 1728

"E/A. 21-11-16"

No trace Germany
Cert. by Capt. Mills 10-10-19.

London
16-10-19

17th.Battn.
A.I.F.

Meehan.
T/Sgt.J.T. 1728.

"Missing.21.11.16."

(In reply to your letter of the 13th instant, I regret to have to inform you that Sgt.Meehan has been Missing since 21.11.16, and we have so far been unable to trace him. We have no record of him being recommended for the Military Medal.

Reference:- Letter from Adjutant.17th.Battn.A.I.F.
H.Qrs. 21.Jan.1917.

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Boulogne.

Havre

Feb. 17th 1917

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M. SHAE/Sgt. J.T. 1728

E. Nov. 21/16

I know Sgt. Moohan and the last I saw of him was when he was coming out of our lines at night at Havre when a shell fell just ahead of him which wounded two men near him. I was just ahead of him, ~~xxxxxxx~~ nothing more was seen or heard of him and he could not have been taken Prisoner.

Informant F.J. Maginty 374

17th A.I.F.

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17th A. I. F.

Meehan, T/Serpt J.T. 1728.

(M. Nov. 21st/16)

"I believe Meehan was killed. He was in the rear of the Platoon, coming out of the trenches after Flers, about November last, when a shell burst, one man was slightly wounded, and Meehan was never seen again. The general opinion was that he had been killed."

Eye-witness: No, it was general report.

Description: Was in A. Coy, short, thick-set fellow, fair
een clean-shaven from New South Wales.

Informant: Pte William Morcuay, 2508,
17th A. I. F., A. Coy, Bombers,
Horton County of London War Hospital,
Epsom.

Home address:

Artamon,

North Shore, Sydney, N.S.W.

9th February 1917¹/₂
P.L. Waterhouse.

17th Batt.
A.I.F.
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BRITISH
Temp. Det. J.F. 17-8
HARLEY
2688

Acc: "Missing 28/11/16"
"Killed Nov. 7th/16"

Capt. Beirs can give all particulars of the death of these two.

Reference:- Benyallen, 1731
Tard 18.
Harefield Hospital.
16.2.17.

London
20.2.17.
D.P. Dickson

Written Capt. Beirs 20.2.17

17th Batt.

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A. I. F.,

MEEHAN

T. Sgt. J. D. 1728

"Missing Nov. 21/16"

A party of about 20 men were making back to Carlton Camp after being relieved in the trenches near Mers. Sgt. Meehan was bringing up the rear. They were in struggling order, single file, informant being in the front lot. A shell burst in the rear and wounded several men and must have blown Sgt. Meehan to pieces as he was not seen after. This occurred between 10 and 11 p.m. on a dark night Nov. 21st Meehan came from William Henry Street, Ultimo, Sydney, and had been a schoolfellow with informant in Sydney. He was through Gallipoli.

Reference:- Pte R. Griffiths 3515.
17th Batt. A. Coy. A. I. F.,
Dartford,
12.2.17.

P. C.

London

20.2.17

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12.2.17

A. I. F. 17.

MURPHY, T/Sgt. J.F. 1728.

H/Envr. 21st. 1916.

We were just leaving the trenches at Fiers on our way to Carlton Camp, when a shell broke over the rear which he was bringing up. The Battn, not knowing what had really happened, continued on. When we arrived at Brigade H.Q. it was reported that he was missing, and a search party returned, but no trace of him could be found. The reason that the men near him did not give information earlier was that it was night, and they - suffering from concussion - really did not know. The general conclusion is that he was blown to pieces. We all felt it very much, as he was a splendid fellow, and a good friend to everyone of us.

Reference: L/Cpl. Fenton, H.C. 419, A.I.
Baltic Hospital. Staples. 6.3.17.
J.F.

17th Australians

Meehan, T.Sgt. J.T., 1728,

M. Nov. 21st. 1916.

"I believe Sgt. Thomas Meehan (17.A?) was killed on the Somme in November. It was the second time we went in, but I can't remember where it was, and we were coming out when he was hit. We don't really know what happened afterwards, but he was probably killed. Write to Sgt.Maj: Thorne A.Coy., 17th 5th Bde: A. I. F."

Eye Witness: No, but he was there.

Description: Big, aged about 24, married, "Tommie."

Informant:-- Pte. William Flowers, 4109,
Aus: A.M.C. 1st Field Am: late 17th Batt:
(A.Coy., Bn Bomber,)
3rd Southern General Hosp:
Cowley Section, Oxford.

Home address:-- , Wolstanton, Milroy Avenue,
Kensington, Sydney, N.S.W.

2nd March, 1917.
Janet H. Payne..

17th Batt.
A.I.F.,

Sgt. J. MEEHAN
#5. 1728

"Missing Nov. 21st"

I knew him personally. We went to the R.C. Church together. He came from Sydney - was called "Tom". He was big build, dark complexion about 20-21 years. Was in A.Coy. He was in the 2nd or 3rd wave. We were coming out of the trenches at Flers. Germans had a heavy fire on us. He was bringing up the rear. I did not see him hit, but it was general talk in the Batt. that he had been killed. He was too far from the German lines to be taken prisoner, and he was not picked up by any other coy.

Reference:- 4143 D.F. Jeffcott,
17th Batt. A.I.F.,
Dunford,
28.2.17.

London
6.3.17.
W.G.J.

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(17th Batt.
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~~Sgt.~~ ^{HERMAN} J.T. 1728

"Missing 21.11.16"

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Cert. by letter from Major H.W.Bevers,
(now) 19th Batt. A.I.F.,
France.
27.2.17.

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13.3.17.

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T/Sgt J. Mehan 1728

17th Batt

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Pte Hartley 2386

17th Batt

12/3/17

France

27-2-17

The Secretary

Australian Branch R.R.C.S.

Re your enquiry of No 1728, Temp
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Yours faithfully

Alfred Jones Major

(Now) 17th Battalion

A.I.F.

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The Secretary,

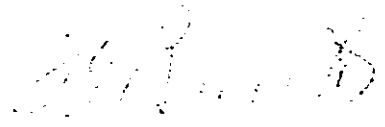
Australian Branch, British Red Cross Society,

54 Victoria Street, L O N D O N, S.W.

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Captain.

Adj. Gen. 17th Battalion A.I.F.

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Feb. 2nd. 1917. ---

The Adjutant
17th. Battn. A. I. F.
B. E. F.

Dear Sir;

We have to thank you very much for your letter of the 21st
January, in answer to our enquiry re.

1728. Sgt. J. T. Keenan, 17th. Battalion. A. I. F.

Yours faithfully,

K. D.
Secretary. *Lu.*

21st Feb.,

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Captain Beirs.
17th Battalion A.I.F.
B. A. F.

No. 1728

Temp. Sergeant. J.T. Meehan. 17th Battn. A.I.F.
Rep. Missing 28.11.16.

T. Sgt. J.T. Meehan

VD. per BK.