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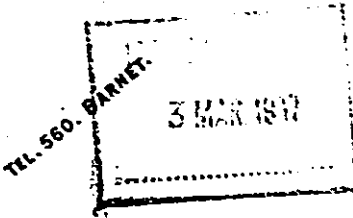
**2nd Lieutenant  
Arthur Henry Vogan**

**55th Battalion**



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DUNSEVERICK,  
LEECROFT ROAD,  
St. John BARNET.

2 March 1917

The Secretary  
American Red Cross  
54 Victoria St. London S.W.

Dear Sir,

I called at your office last  
Wednesday, when a lady very kindly  
gave me some information respecting  
my cousin, Arthur St. John, Serjeant,  
55th Buffs Infantry Brigade, who died  
in Hospital of wounds, and I undelivered  
a type written copy of this should be sent  
me, but as it has not come to hand, I feel  
it must have been lost in the Post.

Could you kindly send me a duplicate  
copy of same in an enclosed envelope

Yours faithfully  
Arthur St. John

55th Battn.,  
A.I.F.

VOGAN,  
Lieut. Arthur Henry.

"Rep.Died of Wounds."

Died of wounds on 4-2-17 at South Midland Casualty Clearing Stn  
Buried at Dernancourt Cemetery Extension. Grave No.20a 75.  
Cert. by - A.I.F. Headquarters on 26-2-17.

London,  
27-2-17.

P.I.

55th batt.  
A.I.F.,

VOGAN  
Lt. A.H.

"D/V. 4.2.17."

Lieut. Vogan was admitted here on Feb. 3rd suffering from shrapnel wounds of back and left arm. He was very ill on admission and died the following day at 4.45 p.m. His people were immediately written to and all details given both by the chaplain of his own battalion who came down to see him the following day and by an officer, himself ~~an officer~~ who knew Mr. Vogan and his family well. As I knew both these letters went I did not, as I usually do, consider it necessary to write to them and imagine that by this time they will be in possession of all particulars regarding his illness and death.

Cert. by letter from Sister J.H.C. Reine,  
1/1 S. Midland C.C.S.  
B.E.F.  
France.  
8.3.17.

London  
23.3.17.

P.I..

Havre

28th September.1917.

55th AUSTRALIANS

VOGAN, Lieut. A.H.

D/W. Feb. 2nd.1917. Det. D/B.

He was acting Adjutant at the time of his death. He was at one time signalling Sergt., and I had known him for about 2 years. He was about 5ft. 7 or 8" in height, medium build, dark, clean shaven and about 24 years of age. He was the only Officer of this name in the Battalion. I know this Officer had died of wounds about 2nd February, 1917, and I saw the Battalion Pioneers preparing a cross for his grave with his name, rank and Battalion on it. This was at Bernefay Wood, about 5 miles from Albert.

Informant: Sergt. A. Ferns, 3063  
55th Australians, A.Co., I. Bn.  
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

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55th A.I.F.

VOGAN Lieut. A.H.

<sup>U</sup>  
D/W 2nd February 1917. Det D/B.

He was buried at Bonifay Wood in the cemetery near the D/Station. He hadn't long got his commission. He was at H.Q. when he was hit by a shell.

Inf:- Pte Mason No. 2872.  
Amb. T. 'Stad Antwerpen'.  
Calais. 3.X.17. OR.

P1  
b.d.  
Luff

Havre

4th October. 1917.

55th AUSTRALIANS

<sup>U</sup> VOGAN, Lieut. A.H.

D/W Feb. 2nd. 1917. Det. D/B.

I knew him. He was Adjutant of our Battalion. He was about 25 ~~to~~ 30 years of age, short and rather fair. He was killed at Flers in the trench by a shell, about the beginning of February. I did not see him killed, but I saw the cross ready to be put on his grave, at Bernafay, with his name &c. on it. He was buried in a Military Cemetery just outside Albert. I heard this from men in the Battalion.

Informant: Driver R. Larmour, 3109  
55th Australians, Transport Sec.  
Australian Camp, Ronelles.

GLT.

P1  
b.d.  
Luff

55th Aus. Inf.

Vogan Lt. A.R.  
D. Company.

(D/W Feb. <sup>22</sup>/17 det. D/B)

"I knew Vogan, don't remember his Plt. It was at the Transloy in the trench. He was hit by shell fire in the small of the back through the stomach. He was taken to the Australian Clearing Station at (I think it is called) Edgehill and lay in bed next day Maj. Hyman, 4th Aus. Div. (on the Div. Staff) who told me of this. Lt. Vogan died there and was buried at (I think it is called) Edgehill. I saw his cross, it was exceptionally fine, compared with other crosses, it was 6ft high and on a pedestal. He was very popular".

Eye-witness: Description:

Informant: Capt. P.H. Goldstein,  
55th Aust. Inf., B. Coy.,  
Sir. J. Ellerman's Hospt.,  
Regent's Park.

Home address:  
Ranelagh Darling,  
P.C. Sydney.

Oct. 8/17,  
R.C. Hamilton.

*Col Suff.*  
*P.I.*

55th Batn  
A.I.F. *2nd. C. H. 4th.*

VOGAN  
A.H. Lieut.

"Died of Wounds 4.2.17."

He was killed at the Sunken Road, Miller's Son. He and another Sgt. Hocking were walking along when a shell caught them killing them both. He was buried at Miller Son and the grave was marked with a cross bearing all his particulars.

Witness:- Sgt. J. Jeffries. 2854  
55th Batn D. Coy 16th Pltn.  
3rd A.A. Hospital,  
Dartford.

W. Oman  
London.  
8.10.17.

P.I.

55th Battn.  
A.H. Headquarters,  
A.I.F.

Vogan.  
Lieut. A.H.

"Died of Wounds 2.2.17"

I saw him wounded at Sunken Road Miller-Son on the Somme. He was caught by a shell. He was taken to the dressing station where I heard he died on the same night. I did not see his grave, but was told that he was buried at Bernafay and that his grave was marked by a cross bearing all his particulars. I do not remember the man's name who told me.

Witness:-

Cpl. H.W. Webb 2463  
55th Battn. D. Coy.  
3rd Aust. Aux. Hospital.  
Dartford.

W. Oman.

London.  
8.10.17.

P.I.



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A.I.F. D/6

VOGAN  
A.H. Lieut.

"Died of Wounds Feb. 2nd 1917"

Gave you information last week concerning Lieut. Vogan and I now have much pleasure in giving you this photograph of his grave, which I hope will be sent to his relatives.

NOTE This enquiry was made for an engraver in England Lieut. Vogan's next of kin is his father, Harold S. Vogan "Halleigh" Terrace Street Newcastle N.S.W. Will Sydney kindly forward attached photo to him.

Eye-Witness:-

Description:-

Informant:- Capt. P.H. Goldstein B. Cpy.,  
55th Batn. A.I.F.

Home address:- Manelagh, Darling Pt.,  
Sydney

London.  
18.10.17.

*Note The photo. has evidently not<sup>s</sup> attached & is today sent on with an explanatory note 21.12.17—*

Havre

22nd October.1917.

55th  
~~55th~~ AUSTRALIANS

VOGAY, Lieut. A.H.

D/W. Feb 2nd.1917. Det. D/D.

I remember him; he was quite young. He was acting Adjutant. I saw his grave at Berhaufay, in a Military Cemetery there. It had a cross with his name on it, and Battalion Colours painted on it.

Informant: Pt. Johnson, B. 5390  
55th Australians, A.Co., IV.Bn.  
Australian Camp, Bouelies.

GLT.

Havre

22nd October.1917.

55th AUSTRALIANS

VOGAY, Lieut. A.H.

D/W. Feb. 2nd.1917. Det. D/B.

He was fairly tall and fair. I saw him badly wounded in the stomach by a shell at Le Transloy, at Thistle Dump. He was on ration fatigue. I saw he was done for at once. He was conscious, and was taken to the Dressing Station; he died there about half an hour afterwards. I saw him buried next day at Thistle Dump. There are a lot of graves scattered about there. They put up a temporary cross, with a tin plate with his name, and Battalion on it. I saw the cross.

Informant: Pt. Bronnan, W.H. 5475  
A.Co., IV.Bn. 55th Australians,  
Australian Camp, Bouelies.

GLT.

P.1  
Buff

53rd A.I.F.

VOGAN Lieut. A.H.

D/W 2nd February 1917. Det D/B.

He was buried at Bonifay Wood in a little cemetery there. He was given a proper military funeral. I think the Reverend Hunter - who was killed the other day - buried him. He got shot in the shoulder, very severely, and before they could get him away he died. He was one of the best of men, a splendid fellow. He was thought most highly of by all, both officers and men. It was either in Needle or Rose Trench that he was hit, by Ginchy.

Inf:- L/Cpl H. Hamilton No.1666.

Amb.T. 'Newhaven'.

Calais. 25.X.17. RAX.