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6134 Corporal George Robert Thomson

21st Battalion



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21st. Battn. C.Coy.
A.I.F.

THOMSON
C.R. 613½.

Killed 21.9.17.

I did not see the actual casualty, but I heard that he was killed Garde Point, near Anzac Ridge. He was caught by a shell, which mutilated him very badly. He only had about 20 minutes after being hit, and was unconscious all the time. I did not see his grave and I cannot refer to anyone, but I know his brother and I know he was buried at Anzac House and the grave was marked with a cross bearing his number, name and unit.

Ref: Sgt. R.W. White, 2439
54 Battery 14, Brigad.
3rd. A.A.Hosp.
Dartford.

W. Oman.
London.
4.1.18

H.
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21st Battn.
A.I.F.

Thomson. G.R. 6134
Culton D.J. 5810
Pearce A.K. 4823

"Killed 21.9.17"

I sent the party to bury them at Garter Point near Anzac House. There was no chance to mark the grave at the time and I don't know whether this was done later. L/Cpl.F.Vinn W.Coy.Pltn.11 will probably know details of how they were killed.

Witness:-
Sgt.Brewster 3772
21st Battn. C.Coy. Pltn.11.

L.P.J.

London.
7.1.18.

M.
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21st Battn
AIF

THOMSON
G.R. 6134

""Killed 21.9.17."

I confirm the above report. I was one of the burial party. Pte. George Winnett C.Coy., 12th Pltn. told me he would try and put up crosses on their graves.
His brother Walter Winnett was buried with them

Witness:-
WC.Appleton
21st Battn C.Coy., 12th Pltn.
Dartford
6.1.217.

London.
10.1.18. Note written B.W. Winnett about Arlton, Pearce, and Thompson

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21st Battn.
C.Coy.
A.I.F.

Thomson.
G.R. 6134

"Killed 21.9.17"

I did not see the actual casualty, but I saw him soon after it happened. He was hit by a piece of shell just below the knee, and was carried into a dug-out, where he was dressed, but despite our efforts he bled to death in a very few minutes. I saw him when he was dead. Casualty was at Anzac House near Ypres and were just on our way up to take over the front lines there. I knew him very well, and saw a good deal of him since joining up. He was buried at Anzac House, I saw the grave which was not then marked but I am sure it would be later.

Witness:-
C/S/M Voss 524
21st Battn. C.Coy.
3rd A.A.Hospital.
Dartford.

W.Oman.

London.
16.1.18.

M.
S.

21st Battn.
A.I.F.

Thomson. G.R. 6134
Pearce A.K. 4823
Culton.Cpl.D.J.5810

"Killed in Action 21.9.17"

re No.5810 J.D.Coulton, No.4823 A.K.Pearce and No.6134 G.R.Thomson. I regret to state the information I am able to give regarding the above men will be very slight, but trust it will be some help to you. The last I saw of Coulton was about 3 ~~p.m.~~ the afternoon of his death. I spoke to him and told him not to go through the German barrage as it was too heavy, but he went and on his way to a place named Anzac House he met his death and with him was A.K.Pearce, G.R. Thomson and myself were in the same shell hole together and as the shelling was heavy we decided to try and reach Anzac House. Thomson left the shell hole and went on towards Anzac House and was within a few yards of the place when he was badly hit and died shortly after from the effects of the wounds he had received. They were buried the next day on the Field, there being no cemetery in the vicinity. No.5810 Cpl.J.D.Coulton was about 6' in height, fair and was at the time of his death wearing a moustache. He was a good soldier and a good living man. 4823 Cpl.A.K.Pearce was about 5'7" in height, fair complexion, he was a good soldier and was well liked by all those he came in contact with. No.6134 A/Cpl.G.R.Thomson was about 5'5" in height, was very fair. He was a first class soldier, having gone through

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O.T. at Tidworth and was well liked by all who knew him.

Letter from:-
No.6144 L/Cpl.F.~~Vine~~ VINN
21st Battn.
Sandhill Camp.
Warminster 15.2.18.

London.
21.2.18.

M.
S.

21st Battn.
A.I.F.

THOMSON
G.R. 6134

"Killed 21-3-17"

He is buried near Anzac House with Cpl.Culton, Pte.Coinnet? and one other. There is one big Cross over all four, all of 21st Battn. He was a short fair man of about 27, with rosy complexion. His initials were G.R., and name George. He had been C/S/M for the 17th Rft. and was a Cpl. when he was killed.

Informant. Styman. Pte.P.W. 6124
21st Battn. D.Coy. 13th Pltn.,
HAREFIELD.

A.G.Campbell
London
25-6-18
M.W.

M. & S.

19.12.14

L/Cpl. T. Vine

D

C. Coy XI Platoon

21st Batt

A. I. F

B. E. F

att

6134 G. R. Thomson

21st Batt

A. I. F

K 21-9-17.

26-12-14

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B.E.F.

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G. R. THOMPSON

21 A.I.F. 6134.

K 21.9.17.

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2.1.18

18-2-18

6134

G. R. Thomson

21 Bltn

See under

5810

W. J. Culton

21 Bltn