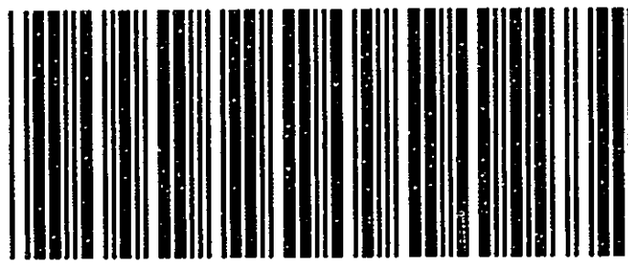
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3865 Private Stanley James Packham

30th Battalion



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A.I.F. 30th Btn

PACKHAM
Stanley James 3865

"D/Wds 24-7-18"

Died of wounds 24-7-18 @ 20th C.C.S. nature of wounds and particulars of burial not yet given.
Cert. by Hpl Index & A.I.F. Hqrs 5-9-18.

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PACKHAM
S.J. 3865

"Died of Wounds 24-7-18"

In the front line in the Morlancourt Valley, S. of Albert, about the 21-7-18, daytime, Packham was walking along a shallow trench, and his head and shoulders must have been showing above the trench, when a German sniper shot at him and wounded him about the shoulder and lungs. He got first aid immediately and was taken out of trench and sent to a C.C.S. I saw him about 2 minutes after he was hit. He was a Pte. in C.Coy. I had only been back with the Battn, since 1-7-18 after 6 months absence, so I could not give a description. of the man. I am not certain of his number, but I know this man was hit in July. Ground was held. Had a brother in the Battn. Sgt. Packham, but he was away that time, as far as I can remember.

Eye-witness:-
Description:-

Informant. Rickhard. Capt. Jonathan Charles (accurate
30th Battn.,
3rd London Gen.Hpl.,
WANDSWORTH.

E.Liddell
14-10-18
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Havre. 23rd. September. 1918.

30th. Australians. Packham. S. J. 3865.

D/W. July. 24/1918. Dets. D/B.

He went out to a sniping post at Morlancourt and was himself sniped. I saw him carried in on a Stretcher; he was alive then. His Brother, who is a Sergeant with the Battalion now, went away to see Private. Packham at the D/Station, and when he came back he said he was dead. I knew Private Packham in the Company. He was slimly built, had a florid complexion; was of medium height and clean-shaven. He had been in the Brigade Transport before he came into the Company.

Inf:- Corporal. J. Graham. 664.
30th. Australians. C. 12.
Havre Hospital.

WSM. J.G.A.

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Witness Sgt Packham
at hotel. 3.10.18 OP.

A.I.P. 30 Bat. Packham,S.J. 3865

D/W July 24/18.

Packham was hit by a M/G bullet just over the heart, at 3 am. on the morning of July 24. He was bleeding badly and I helped to try and stop the flow of blood but we could do nothing much, and Packham died soon after at the D/S. I do not know where he is buried.

Inf: Brisbane, priv. J.J.R. 30 Bat. D Coy. 1320

G.P.O.
Westham Camp
24/9/ 18

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Havre. 13th. October. 1918.

30th. Australians. Packham, S. J. 3865.

D/W. ~~August~~ July 28/1918. Date. D/B.

I knew Private Packham C. 12. he came with me from Sydney in the 9th. to the 30th. Reinforcements in the s.s. 'Anchises' sailing on the 24th. August 1916. He has a Brother in the 30th. Battalion, Sergeant Bayonet Instructor at B.H.Q. He was wounded at Morlancourt in July 1918, and died of wounds shortly after. His Brother knows all details.

Inf:- Private. C. Vincent. 3901.
30th. Australians. B. 6.
Australian Conv. Camp.
Rouelles.

RDM. Lt Packham wilful 3/10/18 CP.

A.I.F. 30. PACKHAM, S.J. 3865

D/W July 24th 1918.

I saw Packham, of C.Co., hit by a sniper's bullet through the arm and side (near the heart) about 20 yards from me at Morlancourt in the evening in daylight in the front line of trenches. He was carried back by S/Bs. Harry Jacobs and Pat Weston (both since wounded and in Blighty) but I don't know where he died or was buried. He was quite cheerful and asked for a cigarette - said that he was trying to get the man who shot him but he got in first. We didn't think he was badly wounded at the time.

Packham was from the country in N.S.W. About 5ft 11, fair, well built, good looking.

Inf: Pte.A.J.Derkin. 3823. 30.C.HQ Sigs.
No. 3 Aust.Gen.Hosp.
ABBEVILLE. 16.10.18. HKH

30th Battn.
A.I.F.

PACKHAM
S.J. 3865

"Died of Wounds 24-7-18"

Re my brother, 3865 Pte.S.J.Packham, 30th Battn. He was, on the 22-7-18 walking along a shallow trench when he was shot by a sniper. The bullet entering his left arm and passed through his chest. He was immediately taken to the dressing station and from there to a C.C.S. at Vignacourt, where he died on the 24-7-18. He is buried in the British Military Cemetery on the outskirts of the above named village.

Letter from:- Packham. Sgt.C.W.954
30th Battn. 8th Bde
FRANCE.
11-10-18

London
25-10-18
J.E.A.

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To
Sergt Packham
30 Battn
a.I.F

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3865 Pte S.J. Packham
former -
30 Battn
a.I.F

d/w. July 24/18.

Written 3.10.18
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S.F.D.

3866 3865
S.J. Packham
30 Bn
D of W. 24.7.18

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30th Batt'n A.I.F.
8th Brigade
A.I.F.
France

11/10/18

To the Secretary.

Dear Miss Deakin,

Yours to hand of the 3/10/18 & in reply, I thank you for your kind sympathies.

My Brother, No. 3865. Pte S.J. Packham 30th Batt'n A.I.F. was, on the 22/7/18 walking along a shallow trench when he was shot by a sniper. The bullet entering his left arm & passed through his chest; he was immediately taken to the dressing station & from there to a C.C.S. at Bignacourt where he died on the 24/7/18. He is buried in the British Military Cemetry on the outskirts of the above named village. Hoping this will give you all details required concerning my Brother.

Yours Faithfully
No 954 Sgt. C.W. Packham
A.I.F.