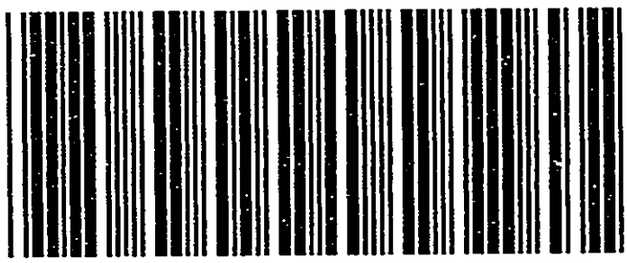
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2707 Gunner
George Leslie Young

10th Field Artillery Brigade



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Havre 1st August.1917.

AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY YOUNG, G.L. 2707
10th Batty.

K. April 16th. 1917. Dot. D/B.

He was in the 10th Brigade, 39 Batty, B. Sub.Sec. I had known him for about 12 months. I saw him practially every day. I think he came as a reinforcement to the 30th Battalion and from that joined the Field Artillery. 2707 is his number. I was told by Bombadier E Kelly, B. Sub.Sec., 39th Batty, 10th Brig., that he had seen Young's grave at Ecoust. Kelly is with the Batty. now.

Informant: Gunner W.J. Reid 2073
A. Sub.Sec. 39th Batty., 10th Brig.
Australian Field Artillery.
Australian Comp, Rouelles.

P. 1. CMR.

Written Bdr. E. Kelly.
13. 8. 17.

10th Battery.
A. F. A.

g Young.
J. L. 2707

"Killed 16.4.17"

For information about J. L. Young apply to Sgt. Mumford 10th Battery, 4th Brigade, A.F.A. France.

Informant:- S. M. Patrick Gorman
13th Battery 4th Bgde. A.F.A.
3rd London Gen. Hospital.

Mrs. C. A. Stevenson
31.7.17.

London.
15.8.17.

S.
P.I.

Note Written Sgt. Mumford 10.8.17.

39th Batn
A.I.F.

Young
Gnr. G.L. 2707

"Killed in Action 16.4.17."

In reference to 2707 Gnr. G.L. Young regret to inform you that Gnr. Young was killed in Action on the 16.4.17. in a village called Ecoust St Mien in the Somme Area. Gnr Young was about 6' in height fairly broad, Dark Hair, pale face, with prominent chin.

Letter from:- S.S. Kelly
France.
21.8.17.

London.
6.9.17.

P.I. S.

Havre 17th September.1917.

AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY YOUNG, G.L. 2707
~~4th~~ Bgde., ~~16th Batty.~~
10.

K. April 16th.1917. Det. D/B.

I knew him. I remember his initials and also his number were as above. He was called George. He got married in England when on leave this year. He was between 25 and 30 years of age - a big man and clean shaven. He was in the 10th Brigade, 39 Batty when he was killed. I know he came from another Brigade, but do not know if it was the 4th. He was killed by a shell close to his gun at Ecoust about 4p.m., about 16th April. I came on duty as signaller about 5p.m. and saw him lying dead. I heard from other men he was hit in the back of the head and arm, and that he called out about his arm, but when the orderly got to him he was already dead from the wound in the head. His body was taken into my telephone shed, and kept there until next day. I saw him buried by the Church of England Brigade Chaplain next day in Ecoust, within a few yards of where he fell, just behind the telephone box. A Corpl. is buried beside him. A cross with his name and unit on it was put up, and a fence - I saw it.

Informant: Sergt. Bennett, D.J. 25574
10th Bgde., 39th Batty.
Australian Field Artillery,
Australian Comm. Enquiries.

P.I. G.L.T.

4th Divisional Artillery. YOUNG, G.L.
10th Field Artillery Brigade 2707 Gunner
late 13th Battn.

Killed in Action 16/4/17.

Young and I were in the same battery. About the 16th April 1917 we were at Ecoust when a shell burst and killed Young instantly. He was buried right in the village of Ecoust in the same grave as Cpl. Duncan. A rail was placed round and a cross on the grave with their names on it.

Informant: McLeod, C.K. 3862 Cpl.
4th Divisional Artillery.
No.4 Australian General Hospital,
RANDWICK.

P1 Cpl 2nd

B.U. SYDNEY BUREAU.

3/1/18.

4th Divisional Artillery.
10 F.A.B. Late 13B

YOUNG, G.L.
2707 Pte

Killed 16/4/17.

Informant describes Young as tall and fairly thin, fair, with light brown hair, who left Sydney early in the war with Orderly Room Cpl. Robertson who was killed about a week previous to Young. Informant states that at Bullecourt on a date which he believes to have been 18/4/17 he and Young were with the 39th Battery to which they belonged and which was supporting the 4th Division Infantry in an action. During the action Informant and Young were quite close to each other. After the action both returned to their billet. Young went outside to get some wood and was hit by a fragment of a shell which burst quite close by. Informant did not actually see Young struck but saw him carried inside the billet where he was medically examined but died within an hour afterwards. After being struck Young did not lose consciousness but said some words which however Informant could not remember. He was buried just outside the billet near which he was killed and his grave adjoins that of Cpl Duncan. Informant describes Young as an extremely popular and well behaved chap and he and his companions thought the world of him.

Informant: Wilson, A.C. Gunner. 1807
39th Battery. 4th Divisional Artillery.
No.4 Australian General Hospital, RANDWICK.

Private address: Denman. N.S.W.

W.E.G.
10/1/18.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

4th. DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

YOUNG G.L. Gunner.
No. 2707.

"Killed in Action 16/4/17."

Informant states that Young was killed in action by a shell at Messines. Young and a man named Bailey went out of the dugout to get some wood for the brazier. The Germans were shelling at the time and a piece of shell struck Young. He died about 5 minutes after he was hit. Informant was in a dugout about 400 yards away at the time. He did not see Young killed, but was told the details stated above about ½ hour after it happened by Young's mates in the dugout. Informant afterwards saw Young's grave near Spoilbank. His name and number were on the grave. There is a white wooden cross over the grave. Young was about 6 feet high about 24 years old, clean-shaven Informant believes he had lived at Camden. He was formerly in 13th. Battalion.

Informant:- Bombardier A.L. Holm, 2847,
4th. Divisional Artillery.

Home address:- 55 Oxford Street,
Paddington.

C.E.W.
No. 4 Australian General Hospital, RANDWICK.
9/10/18.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

17th November

Miss Madden,
3, Clonagh Villas,
Portadown,
Ireland.

Dear Madam.

We are in receipt of your letter of November 9th, and are very sorry that at present we have no information concerning 2707 Pte G.L. Young, 89th Battalion. A 2 7

Directly any comes to hand we will communicate with you.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary

13th December

Miss Madden,
36, Cloughley Villas,
Portadown, Ireland.

Dear Madam,

We are glad to inform you that No.2707 Pte George Leslie Young, 10th Field Artillery Brigade, 4 I.F. is reported by 3rd Echelon to be with his unit. Headquarters have no casualty for him, so we should advise you to write to him there, where in due course your letter should reach him.

Yours faithfully,

V.B

Secretary
L.Aw.

3, Clonagh Villas.
Portadown.
29.5.17.

Would you kindly give me information regarding Pte. George Leslie Young, 2707, 39 Battery, 10 Brigade, Australian Field Artillery, France.

Myself and niece had each a letter returned with "deceased" written on cover.

True information will be thankfully received by anxious friends.

Yours truly,

J. M. Madden

3, Clonagh Villas,
Portadown
9.11.16

A.A.
13.11.16

Anxious relatives would be thankful for news of

Pte. G. L. Young No. 2707,
39th Battery,
10th Brigade,
Australian Field Artillery.

Two men of that name are reported killed.
His last letter was dated 28th Sept. 1916.
Parcels sent him on 30th Sept. and
25th October not acknowledged.
Out Abroad one year active Service.

F. M. Madden

Stamped Envelope enclosed.

ack'd
P.C. 28.8.17
P.L.

The Secretary Australian Red Cross Society
Victoria St London

On The Field
21/8/17

Dear Madam,

In answer to your letter of the 15th inst. on reference to 2707 Gnr G. L. Young I regret to have to inform you that Gnr young was killed in action on the 16-4-17, in a village called Ecoust St Mein in the Somme area. Gnr Young was about 6ft in height, fairly broad dark hair pale face with prominent chin

Yours faithfully
F. S. Kelly

2707
Gnr G. L. Young
3rd Batt. Aust. Engrs.
A. I. F.

R. & A. 16.4.17.

P.I.
F. S.
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October 5th, 1917.

Miss Madden,
5, Cloonagh Villas,
Portadown, Ireland.

Dear Madam,

In answer to your inquiry for No 2707 Gnr.L.Young, 10th Australian Field Artillery Brigade,

we regret to inform you of unofficial evidence given by men of his unit.

Pte. S.S.Kelly, who wrote to us from the unit in France stated that Gnr.Young was killed in Action, in the village of Ecoust - St.Mien on the Somme, on 16.4.17. He describes him as broad, dark, and 6ft in height.

No 2557 Sgt. D,J,Bennett, who was in camp in France gave similar evidence to this effect "Gnr Young was called George He was married in England when on leave this year. He was between 25 and 30 years of age - a big man and cleen shaven. He was in the 10th brigade, 39th Btty, when he was killed. I know he came from another Brigade, but do not know if it was the 4th. He was killed by a shell close to his gun at Ecoust about 4.p.m. about 16th April. I came on duty as signaller about 5.p.m. and saw him lying dead. I heard from other men he was hit in the back of the head

"and arm, but when the orderly got to him he was already dead from the wound in the head. His body was taken into my telephone shed, and kept there until next day. I saw him buried by the Church of England Brigade Chaplain next day in Ecoust, within a few yards of where he fell, just behind the telephone box. A Corpl. is buried beside him. A cross with his name and unit on it was put up and a fence - I saw it".

We are applying to the Graves Registration unit for a photograph of his grave and this will be sent to his next-of-kin as soon as circumstances will allow, provided the grave is registered.

Trusting that it will be some consolation to you know that his death was instantaneous and assuring you of our sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

V.D

SECRETARY.

LAW