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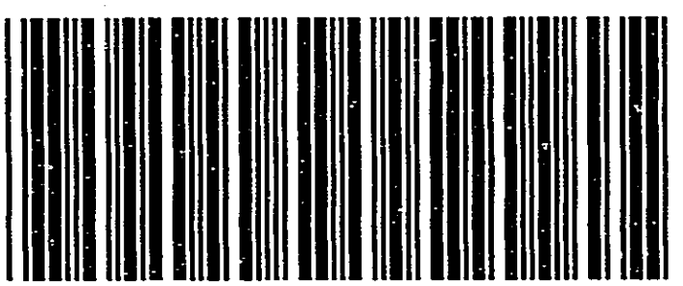
2980 Corporal
Donald James Strang

56th Battalion



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56th Battn.
A.I.F.

Strang.
Cpl.D.J. 2980

"Died of Wounds"

Cpl.D.J.Strang died of S.wounds Head on the 23.9.17. He is buried in the Soldiers' Cemetery Lijssenthoek near Poperinghe Grave location Plot 25 H.4.A.

Letter from:-
The O.C.
No.10 C.C.Stn.
11.2.18.

London.
15.2.18.

M.

A.I.F. 56th Btn

Cpl D.J.

STRANG 9
2950

"D/Wds 28-9-17"

Died of wounds 23-9-17 at 10th C.C.Stn France
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 5-2-18.

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London
5-2-18

5th Batt. A.I.F.

Stang.D.J. Cpl. NO.2980.

B.Coy.

D/W. Sept 23rd 1917. Pte. D.B.

He was badly wounded in the head while wewwere in the front lines at Zonnebeke. He was taken out to the dressing station where he died. It is almost certain for him to be buried. I knew him in the coy. He came from N.S.W.

Description. Age.27. Height. 5-10. Complexion. Dark. Nuggety Built.

Witness. Pte. Johnston.e. L. NO.4820. B.Coy. 5th Batt.

Taken at
NO.4.C.D Hurdcott.
4-4-18.
F.G.H.

S.Whitmee.
NO.4.Command Depot
Hurdcott.

M

A.I.F. 56th Btn

STRANG
Cpl. D.J. 2980

"D/W. Sept: 25/17"

I saw Strang when he was in the trench wounded & before being taken out. This was at Hooge in front of Polygon Wood and before we went over the top. The Dressing station was just past Battalion headquarters.

Witness: Donald J.A. 2686
56 B.Coy.
Hut 18 Westham.

W.A.Rand
London
25-4-18

H.

A.I.F. 56th Bn

STRANG
Cpl. D.J. 2980

"D/W. Sept 23/17"

Cpl. Strang was wounded in the head and was being carried out from Polygon Wood to a dressing station. I forget which - On the way another shell burst wounded a couple of S/B's & blew him in the air, wounding him again in the hand. I saw him then with the stretcher on top of him and he died very shortly after this. I did not hear of his burial, certainly he was not buried straight away it was too hot.

Ref: Moloney P.C. 3206
56 B.Coy.
Hut 9 Westham.

M.

W.A.Rand
London
25-4-18

A.I.F. 56 STRANG, Cpl, D.J. 2980.

D/d Sept.23/17. Det. D & B.

I knew Strang very well, he was Cpl. of my Section in B Co. 8 Pl. I was at Polygon wood on the 23 Sept.1917 and saw Cpl. Strang as we went into action. I did not see him wounded or killed, but shortly after we went into action I passed his dead body and stopped to satisfy myself ~~think~~ as to his identity. He had been hit through the head by a fragment of shell, and I should say his death must have been instantaneous. I do not know whether he was buried or not.

Reference: K. McCarthy, 2027. H.Q. (formerly B Co.).
No.11 Stationary, Rouen. 27.4.18.

RES.

Havre. 30th. April. 1918.

56th. Australians. Strang, Corporal, D. J. 2980

I/W. September. 23/ 1917. Date. D/B.

He was in D. Company, and the 5th. Platoon. I saw him brought into the /Station on September 23rd ~~Ex~~ badly wounded at Glencourse Wood. From there he was taken to the C.C.S. Strang was tall, dark, clean-shaven, came from N.S.Wales, was a farmer.

Inf:- Private. C. S. Cook. 3506.
56th. Australians. B. H.Q.
H. S. "Guildford Castle".

CWS.

M Cd
Adj

O.C's Draft 4-2-18

O.C.
10th C.C.S
B.E.F

Cpl. D. J. Strang
56th Batt.
A.I.F

D. of W: 23-9-17

4th Batn
A. I. F.

DISBY
John. 6708

"Died of wounds"

Ad 1st Southern Gen. Hos. 6.10.17.

Not
P.C. 31-1-18 Alpa

13 Gloucester Place Edinburgh.

28 Jan 1918.

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Dear Sir

Can you oblige Mrs Strang
Gowenbrae
Gulazambone. Vic.

with any details concerning the interment of her son Corporal D J. Strang
B Coy. 56. Batt.

killed on 28. Sept.
or rather died at the clearing station nr. Ypres
& said to be buried as also another boy
from Gulazambone called Pte Syd Jenkins
by a chaplain called J A. Townson.
She wants to know what cemetery & how to
find his grave & that of his friend if she
goes later to see it. —
She has written to me hoping I can
get her any more information.

To the Deptor. re graves in
France

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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY
(WOUNDED AND MISSING INQUIRY BUREAU).
~~54, VICTORIA STREET,~~
36, GROSVENOR PLACE, LONDON, S.W. 1.

Telephones:
VICTORIA 8576 8577 8578

Telegraphic Address:
"QUESTMAN, LONDON."

7-2-18

Cpl. D. J. Strang
56th Battalion
A.I.F.

Dear Sir,

We have been asked by the relatives in Australia to obtain the fullest details possible of the wounds, death and burial of the above who died in your Hospital on 23-9-14 and would greatly appreciate any information that you may send us.

With apologies for troubling you.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

Vera Deakin

SECRETARY.

NOTE. We have been informed by various C'O's and Adjutants that the receipt of notes of thanks only causes them unnecessary inconvenience. Unless you ask us to acknowledge your reply to the above, we will not do so, and trust that you will understand that we appreciate it none the less.

N.B. Will you please supply us with his regimental number?

To The O.C.
10th Casualty Clearing Station
B.E.F.

To
Australian Red Cross Society
36 Grosvenor Place
London SW1

Reference reverse No 2950 Cpl. Strang. D. J. died of Swds Head on the 23-9-17, he is buried in the Soldiers Cemetery, Lissenthoek, Near Poperinghe, grave location Plot 25 H 4 A