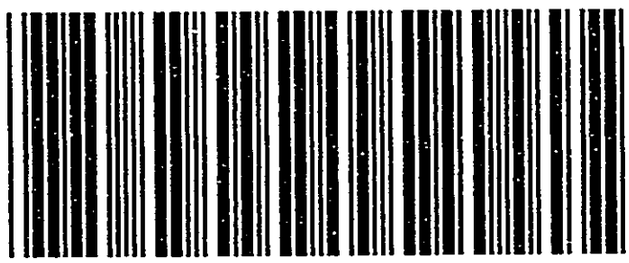
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16245 Sapper
William Young

2nd Field Company Engineers



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YOUNG

Spr. W. 16245

Killed 15/9/18

Buried Tincourt New British Cemetery 4¾ miles E. of Peronne. 4.69..

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Extracted from Capt. Spedding's List of 16/10/19

Melbourne

18/12/19

A.I.F. 2nd Field Eng.

YOUNG
W. 16245.

"Killed 15.9.18."

I saw him killed at the same time and by same shell as killed Captain Davidson, F.S., of same Unit. Casualty happened at the Officers' Mess at Roselle, about 3 p.m. on September 15th 1918, when a shell landed in Mess killing Lieut. Kerslake of another Engineer Unit and Spr. Morgan. Young was waiting at the Officers' Mess at the time of casualty, when they were having afternoon tea, I did not see this grave, but he was buried at Roselle in a Cemetery there and grave was marked by a cross having full details marked thereon.

Informant:- Sgt. Boyd, T.N. 17937,
2nd Field Engineers,
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2nd Fld Coy Engrs.
A.I.F.

YOUNG.W.16245.
Morgan.J.B. 18388.

"Killed in Action 15-9-18"

The Coy Sgt Major. gave me the following details.
Morgan. J.B. 18388. Sapper in 2nd Fld Coy Engrs , medium height and fair.
Young. W. 16245. Sapper in 2nd Fld Coy Engrs. about 5ft 8, sallow complexion, dark hair, brown eyes, had Chinese blood in him.
Both men were killed at Hoisel on 15th September by the same shell that killed Capt Davidson, and Lieut Kerslake, and wounded Captain Clinton.
I afterwards saw Capt Clinton, who had returned recently after recovering from his wounds and his report is attached hereto.

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1st Div. Hqrs.
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2nd Fld Coy Engrs.
1st " " "
2nd " " "

YOUNG.W.16245.
Kerslake. Lieut.G.K.
Morgan.J.B.18388.

"Killed in Action 15-9-18"

At Roisel on 15th September about 4.p.m. Capt Davidson, Lieut Kerslake and I were having a cup of tea in a dug out. Sappers Morgan and Young, two batmen, were also in the dug out. A Bosche shell (8.4) made a direct hit and killed all except myself. I escaped with 4 wounds, none serious, but all the others were badly mutilated. The only one breathing was Lieut Kerslake, but he died almost immediately without recovering consciousness. They were buried at Tincourt.

Informant:- Capt Clinton.
O.C.2nd Fld Coy Engrs.
1st Div. Hqrs.

H.S.Cowan.
London.
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2nd. Field Engineers. A.I.F.

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YOUNG. W. 18245.
Morgan. J.B. 18388.

"K. September 15/1918. Det. D/B.

They were killed at Roiselle by a shell in the Officer's Mess. They were taken out and brought back to Tincourt and were buried, in the Military Cemetery there. There was a cross put up. Morgan came from Sydney. I think Young came from there also. I saw them after they were killed and assisted to prepare them for burial.

Informant:- Dvr. W.E. Reid. 17261.
2nd Field Engineers, A.I.F.
Australian Demob. Base.

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London.
25-2-19.

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A.I.F.
2nd Field Company Engineers.

YOUNG, Sapper
W. No. 16245

"Killed 15-9-1918".

Informant described Young as about 5'10" high, slim build, aged 26/27, partly of Chinese extraction.

On the 15-9-18 the Company was camped in some Cellars at Roiselles. Young was Batman to an Officer and about 4 p.m. was taking a cup of tea into the Orderly room, being accompanied by another Batman named Morgan, when a shell lobbed on the Orderly room and killed outright Captain Davidson, Young and Morgan. Informant was in the village not far away but did not see this happen. He had seen Young that morning. Young was probably buried at Roiselles. He was a particular mate of Informant's and a good chap.

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RANDWICK.
3/3/1919.

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