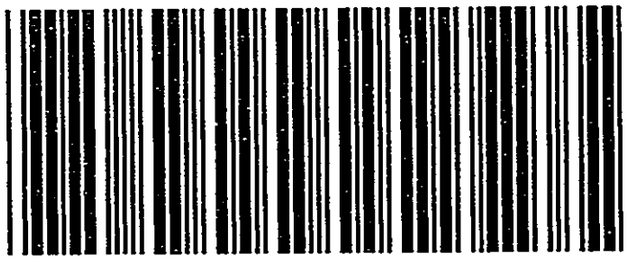
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2425 Private
James Youman

53rd Battalion



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A.I.F. 53rd Btn

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James 2425

"K/A. 30-9-18"

Killed in action 30-9-18 - no details given
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53rd Bttn.
D.Co. Pltn. 15.

YOUMAN. Pte.
J. 2425.

K. 30.9.18.

5'8", dark, thick set chap. age 30.

Youman's body was brought from near Bellecourt to our transport lines near Les Harvey for burial. I wrapped up his body and it was taken to the Military Cemetery at Tincourt for burial, on 30.9.18.

Informant:- Pte.W.J.Simmons. 4839.
53rd Bttn.D.Co. 15th Pltn.
A.I.F. Ward 19.
3rd A.A.Hpl. 17.5.19.

Home address:-
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YOUMAN.
J. 2425.

H/A 30.9.18.

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re 2425 J. Youman, 891 Pte. L.H. Godding, 4799 A.G. McKinnon.
As regards these men they were all killed at Bellicourt, but am unable to say how they came to about their deaths. They were all buried at Tincourt Military Cemetery near Peronne and crosses were erected over each. All belongings were handed into 53rd Bttn. Hqrs.

Letter from:- Sgt. Wilkinson. A. 3475.
Littlemoor Camp.
Weymouth. 23.5.19.

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London.
5.6.19.

53rd BATTALION. A.I.F. YOUMAN.

Private J. 2425.

"KILLED. 30.9.18."

Informant described Youman as about 5 feet 10 inches high, stout build, rather dark complexion, aged about 30 years. They left Australia together per "Orsova" in July, 1915.

Informant states that on 30.9.18 the Battalion was in action at Bellicourt. They hopped over at 6.10 a.m. Informant never saw Youman hit, but about noon, when acting as a member of a party picking up the killed, he came across Youman lying dead on the ground and helped to carry him on a stretcher back to the limbers. It was quite apparent that Youman had been killed instantly. He was taken back to Tincourt and Informant was told that he was buried there in a Military Cemetery.

INFORMANT: Private D. Green, 2369,
53rd Battalion, A.I.F.

Home address; 51 Wilson Street, REDFERN.

W.E.C.
Victoria Barracks, SYDNEY.
10.5.19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

53rd BATTALION. A.I.F. YOUMAN.

Private J. 2425.

"KILLED, 30.9.18."

Informant described Youman as about 5 feet 8 to 9 inches high, rather stout, somewhat grey and commencing to go bald, aged 35 to 40 years. He had been a Schoolmaster in civil life.

Informant states they both belonged to D.Company, 15th Platoon. On 30.9.18 the Battalion was in action at Bellicourt. They hopped over early in the morning, and about half an hour later, when they were within a few yards of the objective, Youman was killed outright by a shell. Informant was 20 yards away and saw Youman fall, but could not go over to him as, at that particular moment, they were rushing the objective. Youman was afterwards picked up and taken out for burial, but Informant could not tell me the place of burial.

According to Informant, Youman was well thought of by his mates.

INFORMANT: Corporal H.J. Rumbelow, 1727,
D.Coy, 53rd Battalion, A.I.F.

Home address; Ditton Cottage, Warrarra Road, PYMBLE.

W.E.G.
Anzac Buffet, SYDNEY.
21.7.19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

A.I.F. 53rd Bttn.

YOUMAN.
J. 2425.
Youman

Killed 30-9-18

He was in D.Co.and was killed in front line at Bellaccurt.He was brought back and buried at Tincourt when I saw his grave a fe few days later. I saw our Pioneer Sgt.sent up with his cross.

Informant.Sgt. Gordon. H.G.
4121. 53rd bttn.

E.L.Myers.
T.S."Kaimata".

London.
1.9.19.

6.6.19

2425

J. Youman

53. 13th

K/A. 30.9.18.

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2833 Pte J.P

Ferguson

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