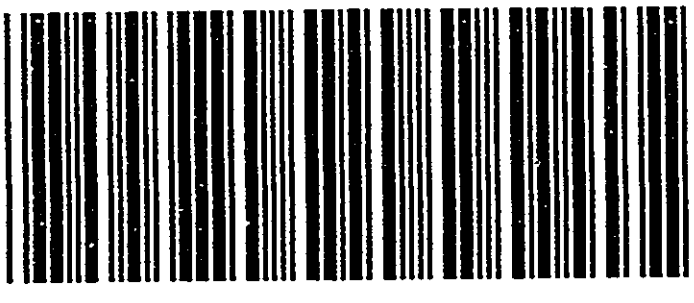
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1437 Private
William Henry Thomas
Tijou

49th Battalion



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A.I.F. 49th Battn.

TIJOU 4
Wm. Hy. Thomas 1537

K/A. 12/10/17

No trace in Germany
Cert. by Capt. Mills 10/10/19

London
21/10/19

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49th Batt
A.I.F.

TIJOU,
Wm. Hy Thomas 1437

"Wounded & Missing"

Killed in Action 12.10.17. Previously reported Wounded & Missing.
Cert. by Hqrs 8.4.18.

London.
10.4.18.

B & P.I.

49th Battn.C.Coy
A.I.F.

W.H.T. TIJOU. 1437

"Killed in Action" 12-10-17.

Refer to C.S.M. E.Fogwill. 49th Battn. who left with an injured toe in January and had not returned to his unit in April. He is probably still in England and he saw Tijou killed.

InformantL- 858. Sgt.Saltmarsh.N.B.
C.Coy 49th Bn.
No 3 A.A.H.DARTFORD.

Note:- Written C.S.M. E.Fogwill.
10-6-18.

London.
12-6-18.

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A.I.F. 49th Battn.

TIJOU
Wm. Hy. Thomas 1437.

"Killed in Action 12/10/17"

Re 1437 Pte. W. H. T. Tijou C Coy., 49th Battn., A.I.F., I have been asked once or twice before re this soldier but am sorry I cannot give any reliable information about him. A description of him is rather difficult as he only joined the company just before going up beyond Ypres. - Will give as near as memory allows - Height about 5' 5", fair Hair, inclined to be red, not a very strong physique. Tijou was not at all strong and I tried to get him out of the action of which he is missing from, but he was marked fit for line and therefore came up with us. - He was always very anxious to do the right thing and was very willing.

Letter from:- E. H. Fogwill, (Sergt. Major)
No. 1 Camp,
No. 1 Command Depot,
Sutton Veny,
Wilts.

B.
P.I.

London
18/6/18

April, 15th 1918.

Mrs. Wheeler,

41 Westminster Palace
Gardens,

S.W. 1

1437

Re Wm. Hy Thomas, Tijou, 49th Battalion, A.I.F

Dear Madam,

We regret to inform you that the above soldier who was previously reported Wounded & Missing is now reported Killed in Action on 12.10.17.

We are making further inquiries in the hope of learning details of his death and will send you any information that we receive.

Regretting the distressing character of this news.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Law

SECRETARY.

A. M. C. C. 11. O'CALLAGHAN, F. 3404.

K. September 20th, 1917.

I believe O'Callaghan came from Ballarat. I know him well. We were out of the line on this date and were at Poperinghe when there was an air raid. The Germans dropped a bomb right on our camp and it killed O'Callaghan instantly. I was quite close to him when he was killed. He was buried the next day by military funeral at the military cemetery at Poperinghe. I was present at the funeral.

RCP.

Reference:- Pte. Carlill. 38.
Medical Base Depot.

Etaples
5.4.18.

NOTE TO BRISBANE.

49th Battn.
A.I.F.

Tyon.
Wm.Henry Thos. 1437

"Wounded & Missing 12.10.17"

News wanted by Trotman, Rockhampton, Queensland. Inform him there is no trace of 1436 William Henry Tijon 49th as in his cable 11.2.18 particulars are as above. Information will be sent as soon as any is received.

London.
15.2.18.

Mrs. Wheeler,
41, Westminster Palace Gardens,
Artillery Row, S. W.

8.3.18

ACR. 11.3.18.

Dear Madam,

I have received a cable asking "is Tijou prisoner." This refers to

1437 Pte. Wm. T. Tijou
A. Coy 4th Bn.

I shall be most grateful for any information you can give me, and I enclose a card to save you time.

Yours faithfully

A. Wheeler

P.S. Sec.

10. 6. 18

C/S/M E.

~~Sgt.~~ Fogwill

49th Batln. A.I.F.

Coun. Training Camp

Parkhouse

S Plain

abt.

1437

Pte. W. H. T. Tyson

C Coy.

49th Batln. A.I.F.

K - 12-10-17.

10.6.18.
A.I.F.

12/6/18

From E.H. Fogwill (Sergt Major)
No 7 Camp
No 1 Command.
Sutton Veney
Wilts

1437 Wm Hy Thomas Tijou
49 Battn
Kia 12-10-17

added pc 14.6.18 RJ

Dear Miss Leakin

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49th Battn. A.I.F.

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he is missing from, but he was marked fit for line + therefore came up with us ---- he was always very anxious to do the right thing + was very willing.

Am sorry I cannot help you more.

Yours faithfully.

E. M. Fogwill.