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6765A Sergeant Edward Frederick Tymms

23rd Battalion



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23rd Batn. D. Coy,
A.I.F.

TYMMS,
Sgt. E.F. 6765A.

K in A

"Died of wounds 17-8-18."

Buried South of Herleville, Same grave and Map Ref. as Cook.
62D. X.12A.1555.

Sergt O. Keating 5710
H.Q 23. Bn
List obtained by H.E. Hayes
Searcher

H.E.H.
2-12-18.
London,
18-1-19.

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He was in "D" Company and was a Sgt. I did not see the casualty. but he was killed instantly by a shell that landed in trench and knocked him about badly. This was his first time in the front area.
Refer to Pte.Horman,"D" Coy., 23rd Battn. who is now in France, for he was wounded slightly at the same time, but I do not think he got to England: it was he who told me all about the casualty happening in the night-time. I knew him well and he came from Melbourne where his Father was caterer. I cannot give any details of burial.

Informant:- Pte.Standing M.6946.
"A" Coy. 23rd Batt.,
3rd A.A.H. Dartford.

W.Oman,
18.10.18.
London,
6.11.18.
H.G.

M.

Note;- Written Horman.23.10.18.

23rd Btn.,
A.I.F.

TYMMS,
E.F., 6765A.

"Killed in action -17-8-18."

"He was in D. Coy., and was a Sergeant. I saw him killed near Harbonnieres, when death was instantaneous, he being hit by a shell and blown to pieces. Casualty happened in the afternoon about 4.30 at which time he was resting in a trench on the way up to relieve anbther Company. I knew him well and he came from Melbourne, Victoria where his Father was, I think, a caterer. The date of casualty as near as I can remember was August 14th 1918. He was buried but I did not see his grave. Refer to Lieut. Smith, J., D.Coy., 23rd Btn., now in France, for particulars of death and burial.

Informant:- L/Cpl.Creek, J.N., 1885,
D.Coy, 23rd Btn.,
3rd A.A.H. Dartford.

M.Oman,
London,
9-11-18.
H.G.

M.

Note:- Written Lt.Smith 31-10-18.

A.I.F. 23. TYMMS R.F. 6765.A

K. Aug. 7th 1918.

I saw Sgt. Tymms killed instantly by shell at Villers Bretonneux about 7 30 p.m.. We were moving up to the front line, and were waiting in a bit of a sap.
Lt Holdsworth, now in Blighty, was hit by the same shell
Sgt Tymms people are bakers and pastry cooks in Smith St Collingwood. He was short, thickset, 27 years of age. was in D. Coy. and I think XIII platoon.

Inf. L/Cpl. E. James. 6871. 23rd Battn. D. XV
No 3 Aus Gen Hosp.
ABBEVILLE. 13.II.18.
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A.I.F. 23rd Battn.

TYMMS
E.F.6765A.

"Killed 17/8/18."

He was a Sgt. in D. Coy, 23rd Battn., short, dark, thickset, was a Staff Sgt., in Melbourne before the War. I did not see him knocked, but was close by at the time. It was near Franvillers and was about 19th August, not 7th August. We were doing a daylight raid on some trenches. I was in A. Coy, and D. Coy was coming up in support and was caught in enemy's barrage. A man named Pendlebury in same Platoon, No.13, as Tymms, told me that he was nearly blown to pieces by a 5.9 shell. Don't know where Pendlebury is now, but he could give particulars.

Informant:- 6802A. Pte.H.J. Curtis,
A. Coy, 23rd Battn.
Dartford.

Home address:-
Upper Diamond Creek,
Victoria.

H.S. Cowan.
London
16.11.18.
H.G.

Note:- Written Pendlebury,12.11.18. M

23th Batn.,
A.I.F.

TYMMS,
E.F., 6765A. Sgt.

"Killed in action - 7-8-18."

"I was in the same trench as Tymms on the 12th August about 12 kilos from Villers Bretonneux, where a shell exploded and Tymms was killed instantaneously. The pioneers had to be sent to bury him there, as he was so knocked about, he could not be taken away. The ground was held.

Eye-Witness:- Yes.
Discription:- Medium height, dark with pointed chin.

Home address:-
Bridge Street,
Port Melbourne.

Informant:- Schmidt, Jack., 5877,
(Very intelligent and accurate),
23rd A.I.F. Infantry, D.Coy., 16 Plt.,
Ford, Plymouth.

F.A.Wyatt,
London,
20-11-18.
H.G.

M.

23rd Batn.,
A.I.F.

TYMMS,
EF., 6765.

"Killed in action - 7-8-18."

"He was killed in action by an enemy shell, death being instantaneous, on the 17th August 1918. Sgt. Tymms was buried in a soldiers grave (in the field) in the vicinity of Herleville, Somme, Map Reference - France 62 D. S.E. X. 4.C.7.9.

Next of kin, Mother, Mrs. A. Tymms, 168, Smith Street, Collingwood, Melbourne, Victoria.

I have already written Mrs. Tymms, about the death of her son, who was a gallant soldier.

Letter from W.G.Galbraith, Capt.,
D. Coy., 23rd Batn.,
A.I.F.

A.C.K.
London,
26-11-18.
J.E.D.

M.

Havre

27th November 1918.

Australians. 23.

Tymms E.P. No. 6765 A.

K. 7th August 1918. Det D/B.

I knew Sergt Tymms of D. XIV, he had only been with the Battn about 2 weeks, about XX 35, medium height, stout build, darkish, clean shaven. I saw him killed instantly by a shell while advancing to the front line at, I think, Hervillers, about the 15th August 1918. His body was carried back next morning for burial. I do not know where the grave is.

Inf:- Sig. D. McDonald No. 5854.
A.I.F. 23. D. XIII.
Austre. Conv. Depot.

RDM.

PP.

A.I.F. 23rd Battn. TYMMS,
E.F. 6765A

"Killed 7/6/16."

Of D. Company. Was Sergeantm about this date on left of Villers Bretonneux, between there and Hamel, in the line. Was killed outright by shell, blown to pieces. I was about 100 yards away. Know nothing of burial. He came from Victoria, where he was a Staff Sergeant.

Informant:- Cpl. J.McMahon, 4151,
Anzac Buffet.

A.D.G.
London
29.11.16.
J.E.A.

M.

23rd Battn.
A.I.F.

TYMMS
R.F. 6765A

"KILLED 7-8-18"

Tymms was a Staff Sergeant and I saw him hit by Shrapnel and killed on August 7th. It was evening but light. He was buried adjoining our Battn. Hqrs. I knew him well in Victoria.

Informant - Dowling.Pte.F. 6818
(Reliable)
23rd Battn. D.Coy.,
War Hospital.
BATH.

J.E.George
9-11-18
London
2-12-18
H.G.

M.

A.I.F.23rd Battn.

TYMMS?
E.F. 676[illegible] A.

"Killed 7.8.18."

I saw Sergt. Tymms of D. Coy, 14th Platoon, killed by direct hit of 5.9 shell near Harbonnieres on August 17th 1918 (not 7th) about 4 p.m. We had just moved up in support line, and Fritz was shelling heavily at the time. Tymms was badly knocked about. I don't know where buried. Sergeant Ernest Tymms was from 5, Woods Parade, Ascot Vale, Victoria. Medium height, well built, brown hair, sallow complexion, 30 years.

Enformant:- S/M. M.M. Parsons, 1248.
23rd Battn. D. Coy,
France.

H.C.H.
London
12.12.18.
H.G.

M.

Sergt. Galbraith, also saw Sergr. Tymms killed and I understand he has sent you a report.

23rd Btn.

TYMNS. E.F.V.
Sgt. No. 6765A

Kld. in act. 17.8.18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a short man about 5' 5", well built, dark complexion about 23 years of age, known as Ted. He was 24th Rfts. to the 23rd Btn. and embarked on the troopship "Nestor". Casualty was in the front line trench at Framville Villers Bretonneux. An H.E. shell exploded on the trench killing casualty instantly. I was two yards away when the shell exploded and I saw Casualty's body immediately afterwards. He was most severely wounded about the body, head and legs, and he was buried behind Harbonnieres and Framerville."

Informant:- Pte. Litchfield.

Private address
70 Pickett Street,
Footscray.

T.C.F.
14.3.19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU–MELBOURNE.

23rd Btn.

EVANS, E. F. V.
Sgt. 6765a.

K. in act. 17/8/18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5 ft. 6 ins. well built, fair complexion, about 30 years of age, known as "Ted." Casualty was advancing to get a position in front of Hadsme Wood. An H.E. shell landed in the trench killing him instantly. I was 10 yds. away at the time the shell exploded and I saw his body immediately afterwards. I took his personal effects out of his pocket and handed same to the Battalion Sergeant. He was most severely wounded about the arms and body and he was taken over by a burial party and buried but I do not know the exact spot."

Informant:- Cpl. H. Summers,
No. 5687, 23rd Btn.

Private address:-
193 Eglinton Street,
Hoonee Ponds.

T.C.F.
9/5/19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU--MELBOURNE.

To
Pte Norman
& Co
23rd Battn
A.I.F.

about

6765A Pte E.F. Tymms
23 Battn
A.I.F.

K Aug 7/18

Written 23.10.18

Mrs

ack. pc. 12.9.18 J.S.D.

6765
E.F. Tymms
23rd Bn
K.in.a. 7.8.18
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France
Nov 5th 1918

To the Secretary
W & M. Enquiry Bureau.

No 6765A Sgt Tymms E.F.

Reference your enquiry re the above mentioned soldier, he was killed in action by an enemy shell, "death being instantaneous", on the 17th August 1918 Sgt Tymms was buried in a soldiers grave (In the field) in the vicinity of HERLEVILLE. SOMME. map ref France 62.D S.E. C.4.C.7.9.

Next of kin mother, Mrs A Tymms, 168. Smith St. Collingwood Melbourne Victoria.

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Sincerely yours
W. J. Galbraith Capt
D Coy 23rd Bn.

To

Lt J. Smith
D. Co.
23rd Battle
A.I.F

at rest

6765 A Pte E F Tymms
23 Bttle
A.I.F

K Aug 17/18

Written 31.10.18
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6861 Pte R. H. Hudson
23 Battn
A. I. F

about

67654 Pte E. F. Symms
23rd Battn
A. I. F

K 17. 8. 18

Written 12. 11. 18

To

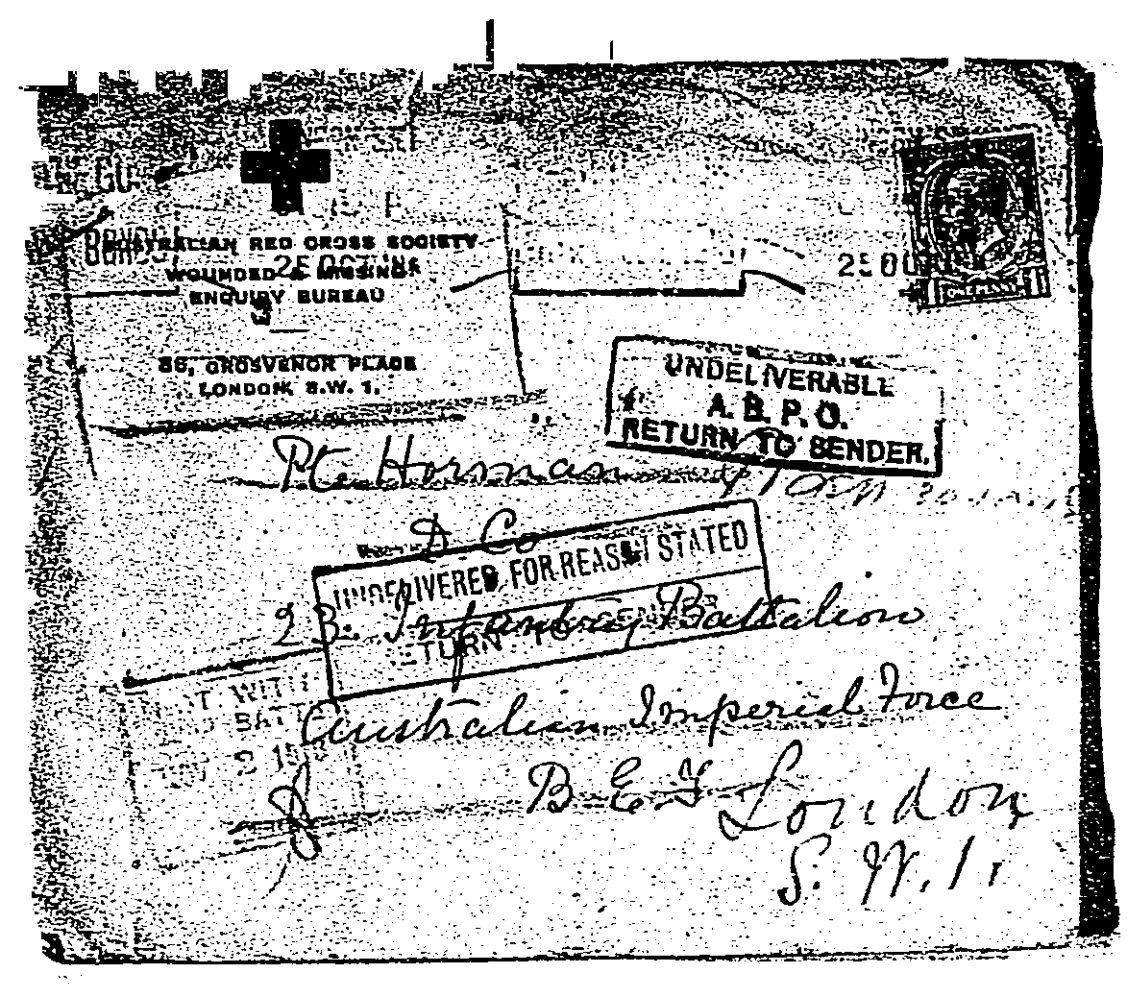
Pte Pendlebury
XIII Platoon 23 Bttn
A.I.F.

about

6765A Pte E.F. Tymms
23 Bttn
A.I.F.

VI Aug 17/18

Written 12.11.18
MRS



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23.10.18

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Pte Horman
D. Co
23 Battn
A.I.F

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries about a man of your unit,

6765A Pte E.F. Tymms 23 Battn - A.I.F
reported Killed Aug 7.18

and have been told that you may be able to help us by supplying some information.

We should be most grateful for any details you can send us concerning him, but our enquirers wish especially to know whether he was buried, if so, whether it was on the field, or in a soldiers' cemetery where the grave would be registered. We would also be glad if you could add a short description of his personal appearance or any points that might help to prove his identity.

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Yours faithfully,

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Per M.E.G.

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