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2891 Private
COSTELLO Thomas

47th Battalion

13.10.17.

Killed in Action
(Mother) Mrs. M. Costello

Particulars Required for the Roll of Honour of Australia in the Memorial War Museum.

1. Name (in full) of Fallen Soldier *Thomas Coakley*
2. Unit and Number (if known) *7th Battalion No. 2891*
3. With what Town or District in Australia was he chiefly connected (under which his name ought to come on the Memorial)—
Town (if any) *Brisbane* District *Petrie Terrace* State *Queensland*
4. What was his Birthplace *Brisbane*
5. Date of Death *13 October 1917*
6. Place where Killed or Wounded *First wounded Germany - June 1917 - Killed at Ypres Sector October 1917*

Particulars Required for the Nation's Histories.

1. What was his Calling *Biograph Operator, Photographer*
2. Age at time of Death *23 (Twentythree)*
3. What was his School *St James' Christian Brothers College - Brisbane*
4. What was his other Training
5. If born in Britain or Abroad, at what age did he come to Australia
6. Had he ever served in any Military or Naval Force before Enlisting in the A.I.F. (Please state particulars)
7. Any other biographical details likely to be of interest to the Historian of the A.I.F., or of his Regiment—

attached herewith

8. Was he connected with any other Member of the A.I.F. who died or who distinguished himself. (Please state Relationship)— *Cousin of Henry Randall (late A.I.F.) Dalby*

9. Name and Address of the Parent or other person giving this information—

Name *Maria J Coakley*

Relationship to Soldier *Mother*

Address *7644 Ann Street - Valley*

10. Names and Addresses of any other persons to whom reference could be made by the Historian for further information—

Name *Mrs E. J. Coakley* (Sister)

Address *Church Street, Bulimba*

NOTE.—This Folder is Addressed to the Secretary, Department of Defence, Melbourne. Please fold in four, and stick down gummed flap so that the addressed portion is outside. The information is required urgently.

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Private Thomas Costello, Son of Mr. & Mrs. J. F. Costello, Ann Street, Brisbane and grand-son of the late W. J. Boyce, Busby Park, Warwick, one of the pioneer farmers of the Darling Downs. Private Costello was educated at St. James' Christian Brothers College, Brisbane, afterwards entering the firm of Harringtons Ltd., where he took up photography and Cinematography. At the age of sixteen he went as operator on a touring trip for Sydney Cook, in charge of the "Mysterious Howards" and on his return took up the position of Biograph operator for Messrs. Stephens & Oglivie at their theatres at Earls Court, New Farm and Paddington, at the evening sessions; and during the day was in the employ of Messrs. Birch & Carroll, representatives of the "General Film Coy., of Australasia Ltd." Edward Street, Brisbane. After serving over three years with them he enlisted for the War in 1916. Was wounded at Messines Ridge on June 7th 1917 afterwards returning to the firing line until he was killed on the 13th October 1917 at Ypres sector, Belgium in that memorable battle. At the time of his death he was 23 years of age. Before leaving for the Front he was the recipient of a Frisquet Watch from the Employees of Messrs. Birch & Carroll, and many other souvenirs from individual friends, all of whom held him in the highest of esteem.

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