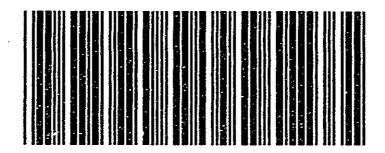
# Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War 1DRL/0428

# 752 Private John Record Ashton

19th Battalion



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Ashton. Pte.J.R. 752

### "Missing 3.5.17"

re Pte.Ashton. He was killed by shell on 3.5.17. I left Sydney with him on June 25th 1915 also on Gallipoli. After we evacuated he left with fever and went home to Australia. He returned again with 14th Rfta of 19th Battn. He was alongside me when he was killed at Bullecourt. The only description of hispersonal appearance I could give is, 5'6", and dark complexion.

Letter from:548 Pte.E.R.Fernell;
No.3 Camp.
No.1 Command Depot.
Perham Downs. 19.9.17.

London. 26.9.17.

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ASHTON, J.R. 752

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returned

He was in B Co.; 5th platoon. He was a rathred soldier from Australia. His chum, Pte. Fonnelly of the 19th battn. B Co., 5th Platoon (known as "Ping") told me that Ashton was killed at Bullenourt on Hay 3rd, 1917. Fennelly was badly wounded when he told me this, and went to bespital in Ingland.

Informent: L/Cpl. A.H. Springett, 651 19th Australians, B Co.; 6th Pitn., Australian Camp, Houelles.

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Write Pt Fewelly 192 Bett:

19th A.I.F.

Ashton, Pte. John R. 752 B.Co. 8.Pl.

(M. May 3/17)

PI believe that Pte. Ashton was killed and that full particulars can be obtained from Pte. Thompson of the 19th A.I.F. No. 769. A.Co. who is now with the Battalion in France. I think he was one of the Party who buried Pte. Ashton. Pte. Ashton and McNair were both killed at the same time.

- Rye-witnessL- No.

Description: Always called Jack, about 5ft.?"

medium build, age 21 or 22. Came
from Morel.

Informant: Pte. Ernest John Wnitt, 5439
19th A.I.F. B. Co. 8.Pl.
1st Southern General Hospital, Birmingham

Home address: 3. Crown Street
. East Sydney. N.S.W.

Oct. 27

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## Statement made by No.549 Pte Fennelly C.R. 19th Btn

#### re No.752 Pte Ashton J.R. 19th Btn Missing 3.5.17

No.752 Pte Ashton J.R. 19th Battalion was killed on the 3.5.17. I am certain of this as I happened to be close at hand when he was blown up by a shell. Death was instantaneous.

Dated at Perham Downs this 5th day of October, 1917.

(Sgd) C.R. Fennelly.

Statement made and signed before me (Sgd: R. Dooley. Lieut.

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19th Batn A. I. F.

T.R. 752

".Missing C.5.17."

Killed in Action 5. 5. 17. rev. reported Missing.

Cert. by A. I. F. Hagtrs 26, 10, 17.

London. 5.11.17.

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19th Bartn.

Ashton. Tte. J. R. 75%

# "Killed in Action 3.5.17"

Re 75% Fte.J.M.Ashton. He was killed on the morning of U.L.17 shot, through the heart and died instantaneously, just before we left the hop over treach for our attack at Bullecourt on that date 3.5.17 and as far as I know his description is medical height and build with dark brown hair, and fresh completion and he had been home to Australia from Gallipoli and came back with the 14th Rits for this Battn. and his people live at Timora.

Letter from:- 689 Pte.A.B.Thompson
- A.Cop.lith Barth.

london. 26.11.17.

Prence. 16.11.17.

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9th Eattalion.

ASHTON, J.R. Pte 752

### Killed 3.5.18.

Informant states that Pte Ashton was killed at Bullecourt in May 1917, and was shot through the head, Informant believes by a shiper. Informant saw him after he was killed, alongside Cpl. Archers body.

Informant: Prosper, F.E. Pte No.5385

19th Eattalion. A.I.F.

No.4 Australian General Hospital,

RANDWICK.

Private address: - 124 Palmer Street, Sydney.

2.5.18.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

A. I. 7 19th Btn

ASHTON John Record 752

"Ц. 3-5-17"

Ho trace in Germany Ceryt. by Capt. Mills 10-10-19.

London 15-10-19

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152 PGJ. R. ASHTON 19 Beth K/A. 3-5-17 Dear die Dection In refly to you prote of languing into the death offite 452 The J. R. Ashton B. Cox of the 19 \* Horse he was killed on the morning of 3/5/14 shot through the heart of died instantaneous just before soe lift the pop off trench for our attach at Bullicourt on that date 3/5/14 4 as far as Thrown his description is medium height & bould with dark frown hair fresh a soupleacion & he had been home to Australia from Sallifordi & came back with The 14 th Rier for this Batton + his people live at Lemora I think that is all I know about him hoping this will holfs byour to the identify hom (689 Pt A.B. Thompson)
Alm. 19 Batter) Allo Start Beneficial Grant Grant