2301 Private
John Mathew Farrell
3rd Pioneer Battalion
AUST. PIONEERS. 3.

FARRELL. J.E. 2301.

K. October 15th, 1917.

Place of burial, 1 mile W. of Zoënebeeks Village (Map reading D.26a.5.7)

Cert. by Div. Burials Officer,

M. 2 Sep. Staples

14/11/17.

I heard he was killed at Zonnebeke, but I did not see it. I believe it was by shell fire. I have not seen his grave, but I saw the cross with his name and number finished ready to send up. He was must have been buried near Zonnebeke. I did not know him, but remembered the name. He was called Jimmy and was in B. Co.

Inf: Pte W. J. Homer. 106. C. IX.
No. 2 Aust Gen Hosp.
BOULOGNE. 8.1.18. WO
Havre.

3rd Aust. Pioneers.

14th January 1918.

Ferrell J.M., No. 2301.
Hood J.J., No. 1087.

K. 15th October 1917. Det D/B.

Ferrell was fair, rather tall and thin; aged, about 22.
Hood was a Sergeant, he came from West Australia; was
upright, and had a dark moustache, aged about 27.

Sergeant Cope of the 3rd Pioneers (now with the unit) told
me these two men were killed at Ypres on the 15th October by a
direct hit and that they were buried up there.

3rd Aust. Pioneers.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

CLT.
Re Sgt. J. U. Hood and Pte. J. M. Farrell. These men were buried side by side on the field, near the Ypres-Zonnebeke Road. Sgt. Hood's particulars I sent you a few weeks ago in reply to the enquiry addressed to Pte. Quinlan of this Company. In case my letter has gone astray the description of Sgt. Hood along with Pte. Farrell is given below.


Letter from: C/S/M. W. J. Cope 1079

London.

5.2.18.

France 26.1.18.
3rd Pioneers Bn.

FARRELL, J. H.

Pts. 2301.

"Killed in action, 15/10/17."

"I knew Casualty. He was a tall thin man, fair complexion, light moustache, about 32 years of age. Casualty was building Artillery Roads close to Ypres. A shell exploded killing Casualty instantly. He was buried just near where he fell. I was knocked over by the same shell. I was an eye-witness. He was well known and liked by all his comrades."

Informant:- J. H. Farrelly.
No. 1415.

Private address:-
C.P.O.
Adelaide, S.A.

T.C.F.
15/2/18.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU—MELBOURNE.
3rd Pioneers Bn.

Pte. 2301.

Pte. 15/10/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a tall man, about 5 ft. 10 ins., slightly built, fair complexion, sandy hair, about 31 years of age, known as 'Jack'. Casualty was mending a mule track near Sonnebeke, I was in the same party. He was with Sgt. Hood when an H.E. shell exploded on the road 50 yds. from our party killing casualty instantly and Sgt. Hood, and a lot of the mules. I was 50 yds. away at the time of his death but I saw Casualty's body 12 hours later. He was most severely wounded all over and he was buried 30 yds. from where he fell and a cross was erected with his name, number and unit on it."

Informant: Pte. H. Gibson,
No. 1158, 3rd Pioneers Bn.

Private address: Ararat P.O.

T.C.F. 31/1/19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.
3rd Pioneers

Killed in action 15/10/17.

"We had just finished a job on the Zonnebeke Road just in front of Ypres, at a place known as King's Dump. A shell burst among us killing three or four, one of them being Farrell. I was about 50 yards in front at the time - as an action was in progress and a lot of shells coming over. A party returned next night when it was dark and buried him near the dump, near which was a dressing station. We managed to collect his personal belongings and band them in to the orderly room. He was tall and slim, of a quiet disposition and very well liked. He was with the Pioneers in February 1917 when I joined them."

Informant:- J. Greenland
No. 51a 3rd Pioneers.

Private address
46 Aberdeen Road,
East Braden.

W. E. J.
15/2/18.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU—MELBOURNE.
I knew Casualty. He was about 6 ft. well built, fair complexion, 28 years of age, known as "Jack." He was a 3rd Pioneers and embarked on the "Zacca." Casualty was digging with several other Pioneers at a road leading past Ronabek Church, when a shell landed killing Casualty instantly and Sgt. Hood. I was about 15 yds. away at the time. They were buried by Private Plush now of the Field Artillery where they fell.

Informant:-- Pte. J. Atteridge.
No. 2250, 3rd Pioneers Bn.

Private address:-- Mitta Mitta.

S.V.P.
15/8/19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU—MELBOURNE.
3rd Pioneers.

K.15/10/17.

I knew casualty, he was a medium built man, 6' in height, fair complexion, about 26 years of age. Casualty was killed on Zonnebeke's Ridge. He was returning from forward area where he had been working and he was killed by a high explosive shell which also killed Sgt. Hood. He was buried where he fell.

IRVING,
Wm. 1180
Private Address: "Cocinda"
Jennings Street,
Colac.

H.A.T.
1/6/19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU—MELBOURNE.
3rd Pioneers.

K/A. 15/10/17

I knew casualty, he was a man of medium build, 5'11" in height, fair complexion, about 30 years of age, known as Jack. Casualty was at Passchendaele during the advance, he went over in a working party in charge of Sgt. Hood, who was killed instantly with casualty by a piece of high explosive shell. I saw his body lying in the open and he was buried where he fell by Lieut. McKenzie.

BIGMORE,
A.A., 2277
Private Address: French Street,
Geelong West.

N.A.T.
7/8/19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

see under

Pt. J. V. Hood. 1087.

6/2/18.
28-1-18

Spf. Coke
3rd Aust. Pioneer
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Abt.
2351 Pte. J. M. Farrell
3rd Aust. Pioneer
a.9.7.

K. 13-10-17.