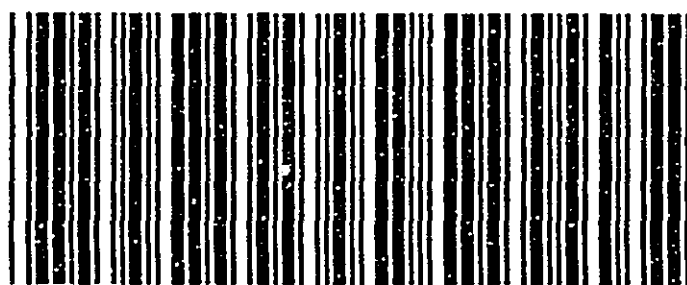


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**372 Lance Corporal  
Edward Ernest Ford**

**40th Battalion**



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Havre

22nd Oct. 1917.

40th AUSTRALIANS

FORD, E. 372

R. 3.1.17 Det. D/B.

We called him "Fordy". I think he was in C Co. He was well liked by all the boys. He went through the same H.C.O. School as myself. There was a Himm Barrage on at the time at Armentieres, and I was told that he was killed by concussion. I know that he was buried in Armentieres Cemetery. I think that Major Giblin could give information about Ford's death and burial. I thought his initials were A.E. (Albert Edward).

Informant: Pte. S.G. Johnston, 866  
40th Australians, D Co.,  
No. 1 Amb. Train. Havre.

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40th Battn. B. Coy.  
A.I.F.

Ford.  
E. E. 372

"Killed 3.1.17"

I saw him killed at Armentieres. He was caught by a bomb and was badly knocked about death being instantaneous. I saw his grave at Armentieres and assisted to renovate it. It was marked with a cross bearing his number, name and regiment. I knew him well, he came from Spring Bay, Tasmania and left there by the S.S. Berrema 1.7.16 and arrived in England 23.8.16. He was a widower and was a storekeeper in Spring Bay before enlistment.

Witness:-

Pte. W. O. Skeggs 928

40th Battn. D. Coy. 15th Pltn.

3rd Aust. Aux. Hospital.

Dartford.

W. Oman.

London.

31.10.17.

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4th A.I.F.

Ford. L/Cpl. E.E. 372  
B.Co.

(K. Jan. 3/17)

"L/Cpl. Ford was killed on Jan. 3rd at Armentieres in the trenches in a German raid. His body was recovered and buried at Armentieres (Soldiers Cemetery) I have already given his people this information. He was killed by a Minnewerfer shell and we got his body two or three days after from No Man's Land."

Eye-witness:- No. Told by his O.C. Major Payne.

Description: I am not personally acquainted with him, leading business man on east coast of Tasmania.

Informant:- Capt. J.D.W. Chisholm,  
4th A.I.F. A&Co.  
3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth. H

Home address: Agent General, Victoria Street  
Tasmania.

Nov. 5th  
W. Arnold Davies

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FRANCE

40th BATT. A.I.F.

FORD. E. 372.

X: Jan 3rd. 1917. DET

He was in B. Coy, VII Platoon and came from Tasmania.  
He was killed by a shell out at Houplines, and was buried  
in Erquinghem Cemetery. I saw him being carried back  
by his mates for burial.

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Ref ---Pte L. Sullivan. 509.  
No 16 Gen. Hospital.

Le Treport. Oct 22nd. 1917

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A. I. F. 40.

FORD, E. 372.

E. January 3rd, 1917.

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He was killed by a bomb on the night of January 3rd during an enemy attack near Armentieres. I (Capt Green) saw his body in our front line trench and lifted it on to the parapet. Next day I sent up a party of our Pioneers to bury the body. They buried it in the Cite Boujean Military Cemetery, Armentieres. A very fine headstone was erected on the grave.

BA.

Cert. by Capt F.C.Green. Adj.  
Beccourt.

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30.10.17.

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A.I.F.  
40th Bn.

FORD  
Edward B.

872

Killed in Action 3.1.17.

Buried in the Honour Cemetery, Argentieres in Grave 201.  
Section IV. Block - Row C. German list of graves in Cemetery.  
Cert. by letter from Capt. Mills 23.7.19.

London.  
2.10.19.

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A.I.F. 40th Btn

Edw. N. FORD 372

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"K.in.A 3-1-17"

Killed in action 3-1-17 - Buried Cité Bonjean Mil: Com:  
Armentieres

Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 13-10-17.

London  
13-10-17