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Lieutenant
James Patrick Ford

2nd Field Artillery Brigade



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1 A.F.A.
3 Battery.

FORD
James Patrick 476.

W. 30.10.15.

Rejoined unit from Hospital at Gallipoli, 4.12.15.

Cert. by:-

3rd Echelon Record Office, Alex.

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A.I.F. 2nd Fld. Art: Bgde

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2/Lt. James Patrick late 476

"K. in A.3-8-17"

2/Lt J.P. Ford, Art: Dtls in U.L. late 21st F.A.B. late
reg: Mc. 476

Cert: by A.I.F. Hqs 11-10-17

Killed in action 3-8-17

Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 12-10-17.

London
12-10-17

3rd Battery

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Killed in Action 3.8.17

FORD

Lieutenant

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I saw him dead at Ypres. He had been hit by a shell whilst in his dugout. Death was instantaneous. He was buried at Rheninghirst Cemetery. I did not see the grave, but saw him being taken there for burial. I cannot refer to anyone for further particulars.

Witness:-

Sapper A. Crane 90

3rd Battery A.I.A

3rd A.A. Hosp. Dartford.

Note- Possibly refers to Lieut James Patrick Ford, 1st Div.

Aty. A.I.F. Killed 3.8.17

Next of Kin - Father P Ford, 90 Cameron Street, Paddington
West N.S.W.

London 27.9.17

Havre

5th Nov. 1917

FIELD ARTILLERY, A.I.F.

POURD 476, 2nd Bge. *how 2/1st*
McCarthy, J.R. 337, 1st Bge.

K. 3.8.17. Det. D/B.

I knew a Sargent "Paddy" Pourd of the 1st Bge., 3rd Bty. His number would be about as stated. The number mentioned is a 1st Bge. number. He, with two others, Pte. Bill Mountain, and Pte. McCarthy both of the 1st Bge., 3rd Bty. were killed by a direct hit in the gun pit at Zillebake, - from a 5.9. shell I think. We were told to evacuate. The three of them were buried in Raminghelst Cemetery. I have seen the graves. It is just behind the O.C.'s *Kingmill* grave - Major Ringsmill, D.S.O. Pourd's grave has a white cross on it with a round top. This cemetery is directly behind the Dressing Station.

Informant: Gunner V.C. Wilson, 29181
1st Bge., 3rd Bty., A.F.A.,
No. 10 Amb. Train, Havre.

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Ford, Lt J.P.,
2nd Bgde, 6th Bty

(K. Aug. 3rd/17. Det D & B)

"I can certify that Lt. Ford was killed on Aug. 3rd by a shell which landed on the dug-out he was occupying at Zillebeke. I saw his body brought to the waggon line and it was taken to Dickebusch and buried at the cemetery there. The grave is marked by a wooden cross, bearing his name and particulars."

Eye-witness: Not of death

Description: Tall, dark, clean-shaven, about 30 years of age

Informant: Gunner T.A. Miller, 11975,
A.F.A. 2nd Bgde, 6th Bty,
Edmonton Military Hospital,
London.

Home address:
35 King St,
Geelong W, Victoria.

6th Dec. 1917.
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2nd Bde. F.A. A.I.F.

Ford. 2/Lt. J.P.
6 Batty.

K. Aug. 3/17.
Det. D/B.

"I knew Ford about the end of July or Beginning of August. Ford was killed in action at the 6th Batty. I did not see him killed myself but I was informed by several men of the Battery that they had seen his body brought down to the wagon lines. This was at the Dicky Bush at Lake Zillebeke, I was also informed that he was buried there. If he was killed on the 3rd of August this is correct but if he was killed at the end of July the place would be on the wagon lines of Oudedam and his body would be taken from there and buried at the cemetery at Kennilhurst."

Eyewitness: No. Told by: Not remembered.

Description: Battery nickname was "Jackie etc" medium stature rather dark complexion clean shaven

Informant: Gnr. L.G. Wilson. 453.

Home address: 6 Batty. 2nd Bde. F.A. A.I.F.
Stanley Hospital, Liverpool
8/12/17 F.W. Miller 266 Collins St. Melbourne Australia.

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Ford, 2/Lt J.P.,
6th F.A., 2nd Brigade

(K. Aug. 3rd/17. Det D & B)

"I was at Railway dug-outs Ypres on Aug. 3rd, a shell came into the dug-out. Lieut Ford was killed almost instantaneously. He became unconscious at once, so did not suffer. I helped to bury him at Rensselghelst in the Cemetery. I put a cross over his grave with the name and date on it."

Eye-witness: Yes

Description: Medium height, slight, dark, brown eyes,
clean-shaven

Informant: Bombr Gordon Morrison, 55 A,
6th F.A., A.I.F., 2nd Bgde,
King Edward/Hospital, Finchley.
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Home address:
"Ontario",
Mitchell St.,
Northcote, Victoria.

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2nd Bde. Field Art.
A.I.F.

Ford 2/Lt. J.P.

(K. Aug. 3/17 Det D/B)

Informant states that "on Aug. 1st at Hooge Farm? near Zillebeke Lake 2nd Lt. Ford was in a dug-out on the railway embankment with Capt. Glendinning abt. 100 yds. from the dug-out I was in. A shell fell on it and both Officers were taken out quite dead. Death must have been instantaneous. I helped to bury them in the Canadian Cemetery at Renninghelst."

Eye-witness: that he was dead.

Description:

Informant; Gunner P. O'Reilly 2536,
6th Battery 2nd Bde., Field Art. A.I.F.,
Clopton War Hospt.,
Stratford-on-Avon.

10/12/17,
H.S. Shaw.

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2nd Bgde.
6th Battery.
A.F.A.

Ford.
2/Lieut. J.P.

"Killed 3.8.17"

Dickbusch at Railway in Dug-out-he was killed at once, a Capt. and
2 Batmen. He was badly hit in the head a hole right through it. I
saw him sewn up in blanket ready for burial. I think he was buried
in Rennihouse Cemetery near Poperinghe.

Renningshelst

Witness:- Sgt. Aiken

6th Battery.

D.P. Jackson.

W.33. Harefield.

London.

10.12.17.

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A.F.A. 2 Bde.

FORD, 2/Lt H.P.
GLENDONING, Capt A.J.

K. Aug 3rd 1917. Dets.

Captain Glendonning had been in my battery (1 Bde 3 Bty) but was transferred as Battery Captain to 2nd Bde 6 bty about May I think. He and Lieut Ford were both in 6th Bty when they were killed in the July stunt. I was in the wagon lines at Dickebusch, and saw them brought down from the guns which were in action on the left of Spoil Bank Zillebeke way. They were brought down at the same time, and were buried together at Reninghelst. I was present at the buried. burial.

Inf; Shoeing Smith J.A.R.Thomas. 5412.
No. 54 Gan Hosp.
BOULOGNE. 13.12.17.

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6th Battery 2nd Bgde
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FORD
J.P. Lieut.

"Killed 3.8.17.

I saw him killed at Ypres. He was buried by the same shell as Capt. Geddining and was killed instantly. On digging him out we found him to be very much knocked about. He and Capt. Geddining were in a dugout together at time of casualty. I knew him very well he had only just rejoined the Battery having been in Hospital in England. He was a very popular officer and very well liked by all the men in the Battery. He was buried with Capt. Geddining in the Military Cemetery at Reninghast and the grave was marked with a cross bearing his rank name and battery. Capt. Oakley read the burial service.

Witness:-

Gnr. J.C. Pelling 9638
6th Battery 2nd Bgde
3rd A.A.Hpl
Dartford

London. 26.12 17.

1st Bgde
3rd Battery
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FORD
J.P. 2nd Lieut.

"Killed 3.8.17."

I did not see the casualty and I cannot refer to anyone for actual details but I was told that he was killed by a shell at Ypres. I saw him buried in the Military Cemetery at Reminghams alongside of Capt. Glendinning and the grave was marked with a cross bearing his name, rank and battery. He was a very popular officer and very well liked by all the men in the battery.

Witness:-

Dvr. R. Gillett 5259

3rd Battery 1st Bgde

3rd A.A. Hq

Dartford

London,
28.12.17.

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2nd Fld. Art.
A.F.A.

Ford.
Lient. J.P.

"Killed 3.8.17"

He was buried at Reninghelst cemetery. I saw his grave with a beautiful cross over it.

Witness:-
Cpl. Tom Toogood
4th Battery.

W. Alison.

London.
29.12.17.

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F.A. A.I.F.

Ford 2/Lt. J.P.
2nd Bde.

(K. Aug. 3/17 Det D/B)

"Lt. Ford was killed in a Railway dug-out at Zillebeke and buried in the Military Cemetery Renninghelst. (He was killed at the same time as Capt. Glendening".

Eye-witness: Yes

Description: Abt. 5ft 7, dark, They called him Jim.

Informant: Sgt. H.C. Smith 341,
F.A. A.I.F. 1 Bde.,
V. Hospt.,
Exeter.

Home address:
37 William St.,
Redfern,
Sydney.

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J.H. Fraser.

2 1st Bde Field Artillery.

J.P.
Ford. Lieut.

2nd Bde 6 Bty

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Killed August 2nd 1917. Det. D.E.

I was close to him when he was killed, He was in his Dugout at the Railway Dugouts at Ypres. He was buried in the cemetery at Renighill Ypres. A party from the battery formed the burial party, a cross was erected bearing full particulars. I knew him in the battery, I could not say what he came over with. He came from Victoria.

Description. Age. 26. Height. 5-8. Complexion. Fair. Medium built.

Witness. Cpl. Mounsey. NO. 149. 1st Bde Field Artillery.

Taken at
NO. 4. C. D. Hurdcott.

31-12-17.

F.G.H.

S. Whitmee.
NO. 4. Command Depot.
Hurdcott.

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A.F.A. 2. *Bdo.*

FORD, 2/Lt J.P.

2nd
K. Aug 3rd 1917. Dets.

He was not my officer but I knew him well and he was killed by an 8 inch shell which landed right on the officers' mess dugout at the Railway Dugouts at the rear of Zillebeke Lake as it was getting dusk. He was with Capt A.J. Glendening who was also killed, and was on his way to the night O.P. and had only called in to see if there were any messages for them. I saw both of their dead bodies and helped to bury them in the New Mil. Cem. at Benninghelst and I also helped to erect special crosses on their graves.

Inf: Bmbr H.H. Harding. 9919. 1/3 Bty
No. 1 C.C.
BOULOGNE. 11.1.18.

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J. Ford

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12th January 1918.

2nd A.F.A.

Ford 2nd Lieut. J.P.

X. 3rd August 1917. Det D/B.

He was in the 6th Battery, dark, rather short, He was killed by a shell at Zillebeke in August. I saw his body after he was killed. He had been killed outright. He is buried in a Military Cemetery at Rekinghelst. I did not see the grave but all our men killed then were buried in this cemetery.

Inf:- Pte C. Dyell No.1187.
2nd Bde 6th Batty. A.F.A.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

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Det D/B

2bgde. Field Artillery. A.I.F.

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Ford, J.P. Lieut.

2nd.
Killed August ^{2nd} 1917. Det. D.B.

I saw him killed by a shell, he was in his dugout, in the railway dugouts at Zillebeke at the time, when a shell came over and caught the dugout. It is almost certain for him to be buried at Renenghurst I knew him in the batty, I could not say where he came from.

Description. Age. 25. Height. 5-9. Complexion. Dark. Well Built.

Witness. Gnr. MacCartie. J.C. NO.10070. 6th Batty. Field Artillery.

Taken at
NO.4.C.D.Hurdcott.
18-1-18.
F.C.H.

S. Whitmee.
NO.4. Command Depot
Hurdcott.

S. Whitmee

Field Artillery
2nd Bgde 4th Battery
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FORD
2nd Lieut. J.P.

"Killed August 3rd 1917"

He was in a dugout near Zillebeke when he was killed right out by a shell which came over at night and fell into the dugout. He was very badly knocked. We buried him in Rhinhurst Cemetery he has a Military cross on his grave, I helped to carry him to his grave, *Remington*

Witness:-

Pte. A.S. Bellenger 856
2nd Bgde 6th Battery
Field Artillery
Hurdcott Camp.

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A. F. A. 2 Bgdo.

FORD, 2/Lt. J.P.

K. August 3rd, 1917.

He was blown up by a shell in the railway dugout at Zillebeke about August. I did not see it happen. I saw his body after he was killed the next morning. His face was quite charred. I was at his funeral. He was buried at Remminghirst Cemetery. I do not know name of Padre who officiated. Three men were buried at same time. O, of E. Padre officiated for 2 and an R.C. Padre was sent for and officiated for 3rd but I forget which was which. I have seen his grave since, a cross is erected with his name &c. on. He came to 6th Bty from the 24th Bty.

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Reference:- Dvr. A.C. Knowles. 4561. 6 Bty.
No. 1 Can. Gen. Hosp.

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18.1.18.

A.F.A. 2 Bde

FORD, 2/Lt J.P.

K. Aug 3rd 1917. Dets.

I understand Mr Ford was killed in a dugout with two others. I did not see this but I was present at the funeral. Mr Ford was buried in the cemetery at Reninghelst with full military honours, in the presence of nearly all the officers and men of his battery which was No 6.

Inf: Dvr C. Nicholson. 5611. 2/6 Bty
No. 8 Stat Hosp.
BOULOGNE. 22.1.18.

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26th January 1918..

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2nd A.F.A.

Ford 2nd Lieut. J.R.

K. 3rd August 1917. Det D/B.

I knew him, he was medium build.

I saw his body at Dickebusch at the wagon lines - I saw the cross that was made for his grave.

He is buried in Roningshelst Cemetery but I have not seen his grave. Capt. Glendinning was killed near him and buried the same day.

Inf:- Farrier Sergt. A.O. Levings. No.989.
1st Batty A.F.A.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

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2nd Batty
A.F.A.

FORD,
Lt. J.P.

"Killed 3.8.17. Det. D/B"

Lt Ford was formerly a Sgt. in 1st B.A.C. and then Sgt. in 3rd Batty. When he got his commission he went to 2nd Bgde 6th Batty. He and Capt. Glendenning (3rd Batty temporarily attached to 6th Batty as O/C) were in a dugout together and were killed outright together by a shell up near Zillebeke Lake. I can't say definitely as to burial. Some of 6th Batty men told us. I think they were buried at Reninghalet as the 6th Batty erected a cross to Capt. Glendenning's memory there and probably did so to Lieut. Ford also.

Informant:- Mc Donnell, P. 417 (Saddler),
3rd Batty,
Hut, 21,
Westham

W.A. Rand.

London.

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7th February 1918.

2nd A.F.A.

Ford 2nd Lieut. J.P.

4. 3rd August 1917. Det D/B.

2nd Lieut Ford was a mate of mine. He was medium height stoutish build, dark, and about 26, was a clerk in civil life, came from Paddington, N.S. Wales and was an allround athlete.

On the 3rd August we were at Dickebusch and Lieut Ford's battery was in action. Word came along that he was killed and I saw his body when it was brought down to the 3rd Battery waggon lines. He was buried at Dickebusch Military Cemetery and I saw the Battn cross prepared with the name etc. We came out soon after and never had a chance of seeing the grave.

Inf:- Trumpeter W.J. Fitton No. 735.
2nd A.F.A. 4th Batty.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

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2nd. Brig. F. Artillery.

Ford. 2nd. Lieut. J. P.

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K. Aug. 17. Det. D. / B.

I saw him killed by a shell in a dugout near the railway at Zillebeke, Ypres. I saw him buried in Reninghelst cemetery. He was given a military funeral, and a Church of England Padre officiated at the grave side. A cross was erected with his name and particulars on.

Witness. Howard. H. R. Pte. No. 10588. 6th. Battery. A. F. A.

Taken at
No. 2. C. D.
17-2-18.
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No. 2. C. D.
Hurdcott.

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2nd. Srig. P. Artillery.

Ford. 2nd. Lieut. J. P.

K. Aug. 17. Det. D. / P.

I saw him killed by a shell at Zillebeke Lake, at the battery position.
He was buried at Roningholst Cemetery, by a party from the battery.
A cross was erected with his name and particulars.

Description. Height. 5-8. Comp. Dark. Slight Build.

Witness. McGregor, Cpl. No. 2750. 5th. Battery. A. F. Artillery.

Taken at
No. 4. C. D.
18-2-18.
A. A. S.

S. Whitman,
No. 4. C. D.
Hurdcott.

S. C. H.

~~6th Batty,~~
4 Bde Fld. Art.
A.I.F.

FORD.
Lieut. J.P.

"KILLED 3. 8.17"

I was with the Btty at the time he was killed, and saw Lieut Ford's body on the stretcher at Ypres front. Zonnebeke. He was taken back to Renninghurst Military Cemetery and buried there. A cross was erected. I believe he was killed by a shell in a dug-out at the gun position. I was present at his burial. Capt Glendening buried there also. I went up for Gunner King's body, he had been wounded and died at Woodcote Farm, for burial at Renninghurst, and found he had been buried at the Farm.

Informant;- Cox. C.H. Drv. 1230.
6th Batty.
21Hut. Westham.

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W.A.Rand.,

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London
26.2.18.

8th Bty.
28th Fld Art.
A.I.F.

FORD
Lieut. J.P.

"KILLED 3.8.17"

I saw Capt. Glendening and Lieut Ford's bodies after they were killed & Gun King wounded, died on the way to the Dressing Station at Woodoot Farm. at Zonnebeke. The Officers were buried at Renninghurst Cemetery & Gunner King at the Farm. It was not present at burials.

Informant;- Smith Gnr. G. J. 12315.
6th Bty.
17 Bnt.
Westham.

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26.2.18.

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A.I.F.
2nd Bde.

Ford Lt. J.P..

(K. Aug. ¹¹17 Det D/B)

"I knew Lt. Ford. He was one of my subalterns and was killed 3.8.17 by a 5'9 shell landing into his dug-out. Death was instantaneous. He was buried at Reninghelst Military Cemetery".

Eye-witness: Yes

Description:

Informant: Major A.W. Dodd,
3rd Battery A.I.F.,
1 Moreton Gardens Hospt.,
S.W.

Home address:
c/o Major Manton,
High St.,
Armadale,
Melbourne.

24.2.18,
N. Burford-Hancock.

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2nd Bgde Field Artillery. A.I.F.

Ford, J.P. 2nd Lieut.

Killed Aug 3rd 1917.. Det. D.B.

He was killed by a shell whilst at the Railway dugouts at Zillebeke. He was buried at Rensselaersburg. I could not give any particulars of his burial. I only knew him in the batty, I could not say where he came from.

Witness. Gnr. Wilson. F.J.C. NO. 2051. 2nd Bgde Field Artillery.

Taken at
NO. 3.C.D. Hurdcott.
2-5-18.
F.G.H.

S. Whitmee.
NO. 4. Command Depot
Hurdcott.

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2nd Bde. 2nd Btty.
A.F.A. A.I.F.

FORD
2/Lt. J.P.

"Killed 3-3-17"

He was having mess in a dug-out. He was hit in his head by a piece of shell and was killed outright. I saw him just after he was hit. He is buried in Rimbhurst Cemetery. He was hit at Spoil Bank. *Rimbhurst*

Informant. Mudd Pte. J.C. 10061

2nd Bde., 6th Btty,

A.F.A. A.I.F.

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F. Mackay

(War chest)

London

11-3-18

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6th Btty. 2nd Bde.
A.I.F.

FORD
L.S. J.P.

"Killed 3-3-17"

I saw him killed in the Railway dug-out at Killebeke.
He was in it at the time with Capt. Glendinning. The shell
landed on it, which badly knocked him about, killing him instant-
ly. I knew him very well, he was a very popular Officer, and
very well liked by all the men in the Btty. He was accorded
a military funeral in the Cemetery at Renninghes, the Padre
of the 2nd P.A. Bde. read the burial service. I saw his grave
and it was marked with a Cross, bearing his rank, name and Btty.

Informant. Howard Gnr. H.R. 10588
6th Btty., 2nd Bde.,
3rd A.A.H.,
DARTFORD.

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London
11-3-18

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2nd Bde.
1st Batty
S.A.P.A.

FORD,
2/Lt. J.P.
GLENDEERING
Capt. A.J.

"Killed 3.8.17."

These two officers were killed at the same time on Aug 2nd by the same shell in a railway dug-out at Zillebeke. They are buried at Dickeybusch and crosses erected. We were in action about 20 yards away.

Informants:- Sig. J. Christie, 2183
102nd How Batty,
Hut 21,
Westham.

W. A. Rand,
London.
13.3.18.

Sgt. A. Walton, 2884,
101 How Batty,
Hut 20,
Westham.

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2nd Bgde.
A.F.A.

J FORD,
2/Lt. A.P.
GLENDERNING,
Capt. A.J.

"Killed 3.8.17. "

These were killed in a railway dug-out near Zillebeke Lake by shell. They were in same dug-out together. They are both buried at Reninghelst Cemetery. Crosses are erected on the graves. Saw these.

Informant:- Wombdr. G.V. Gibson, 5468, 3rd Batty,
Ent 8,
Westham.

W.A. Rand.
London.
15.3.18.

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