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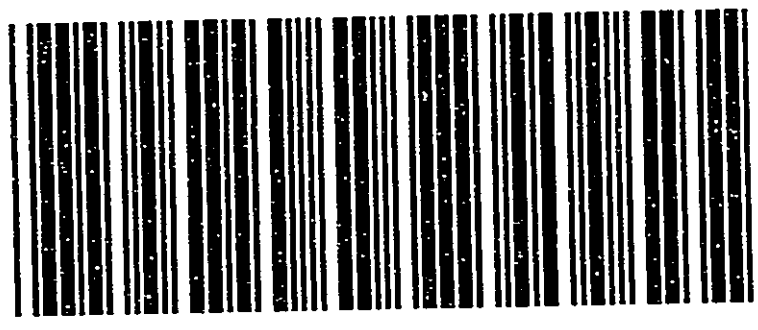
18658 Driver
Edward Ramey Ferris

7th Field Artillery Brigade



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A.I.F. 23th Bty A.F.A.

FERRIS E.R
18658

"D/Wds 12-9-17"

D/Wounds 10th C.C.Stn 12-9-17 - previously reported S.W.Face
Cert. by Epl Index

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London
14-11-17

25th Batty.
A.I.F.A.F.A.

Ferris. E.R.
Gnr. 18658

"Died of Wounds"

This man was admitted to Hospital suffering from Shell.wound face and fractureboth Maxillas and was buried at Lyssenhoek Military Cemetery Belgium. Plot 18. Grave B.12.B.

Letter from:-
The O.C.
No.10 C.C.Station.
22.11.17.

London.
28.11.17.

S.

7th Brigade. Ferris, 18658. E, R

25 Bty D/W. 12/9/17.

He was hit by the same shell as Seale, F.C. but lived till the following day, he was conscious up to the time he was taken to the D/S but was unable to speak. I am not certain where he is buried but he died at Casuality C/S, Popperinge.

7th Brigade. Cadell, O.R. Bomb, 18642.

R. D.B.

F. Southall. 17/12/17.

No Trace H.1.

Written for Seale 5.1.18
Letter returned Killed in Action.

Havre. 9th January 1918.

7th A.F.A. 25th Batty. E R Ferris No.18658.

D/W 12th Septr 1917. Det D/B.

I knew Acting Bombdr Driver E.Ferris of the 26th Batty He was fairly short, red hair, freckled, age about 28.
He was wounded at the waggon lines at Diekebusch on the 11th September The side of his face was blown away. He died a day or two later at Coalmain Dressing Station. I did not see his grave I saw him just after he was wounded.

Inf:- Bombdr G.Barnard No.18633.
7th A.F.A. 26th Batty.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

GLT.

7th. F.A. A.I.F.

Ferris. Pte. E.R. 18638.

D/W. Sept. 12/17.

"We had just pulled into Dickiebusch and were well behind the lines. We were sitting down to breakfast. Some of the men were just getting out biscuits when, without any warning a shell burst among us. It must have been quite a fluke shot, 13 were killed and other wounded. I was blown into a hole some distance. Ferris was wounded in the head and face. I think he could not have been conscious after it. He was taken to the dressing station."

Eyewitness: Yes.

Description:

Informant: Pte. J.V.Baxter. 19048.
7th F.A. A.I.F.
Clacton War Hospital, Middlesex.

Home address: Middlesex.
No. English address:

20/1/18
M.H.Sykes.

7th Brigade,
25 Battery.
A.I.F. A.A.

FERRIS.
E.R 18568.

"DIED OF WOUNDS" 12.9.17"

I saw him wounded at Ypres. he was caught by a piece of shell, which hit him about the head. He was taken away to the dressing Station. I was wounded by the same shell. and I saw him later at 10th C.C. Station at Ypres he was then conscious, and was speaking to me for a few mimutes. He was then awaiting an operation, I never saw or heard anything of him afater that, and I cannot refer to anyone for details. I knew him very well, he came from Sydney, and was a clerk in his civil capacity there.

Witness;- Randall. Drv. D. 18731.
7Brigade. 25thBtty.
3.A.A.H. Dartford.

Note;- We regret the delay in typing the above report, but we have been obliged to hold it up on account of pressure of work and shortage of machines.,

London.
13.8.18.

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3rd Divisional Artillery, A.I.F.
26th Battery,
7th F.A.B.

FERRIS.
Gunner E.R. No. 18658.

"Died of Wounds 12.9.17."

Ferris and I were together in the 26th Battery. On the 11th September we were at Dicky Bush just alongside of Ypres. We were in the waggon lines and about 8 o'clock a shell burst killing eleven men and wounding 35. I was one of those wounded and Ferris was, at the time the shell burst, close beside me. I heard afterwards that Ferris had died from the wounds then received. All the men then killed were buried there. Corporal Russell who assisted to bury them returned to Sydney with me and will be reporting to-day or tomorrow.

Informant: S.H. Knight, No. 18690,
26th Battery,
3rd Divisional Artillery.

B.M.
21.3.18.
No. 4 Australian General Hospital, RANDWICK.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

FERRIS E.R. Gunner
No. 18650.

3rd Divisional Artillery.
26th Battery, 7th Field Artillery
Brigade.

DIED OF WOUNDS, 12.9.17.

Informant described Ferris as about 5 ft.6 inches high, very slight build, fair complexion, aged about 25. He left Australia with Informant per "Argyllshire" on 11.5.16.

Informant states that they both belonged to the 26th Battery which was at Dickiebush France, on 12.9.17. At breakfast time a shell came over and lobbed right amongst the boys killing 11 of them and wounding 32. Informant was there and saw Ferris after he had been wounded. Informant was with him when he was put on a stretcher and accompanied him to the Dressing Station. Informant heard the Doctor say that there was very little hope of Ferris, and then left. That is the last that he saw of him. He died the next day. Informant said that it was quite certain that he was buried in the Cemetery at Dickiebush.

Informant added that Ferris was a good fellow and well liked.

Informant:- Gunner J. J. Bulfin.
No. 18765. 26th Battery, 3rd Divisional Artillery.
Home address:- St. Leonards Hotel, North Sydney.

W.E.G.
25/3/18

No. 4 Australian General Hospital,
RANDWICK.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

3RD DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY. A.I.F.
26th Batty., 7th F.A.Bde.

FERRIS, E.R.
18658. Gunr.

DIED OF WOUNDS, 12/9/17.

Informant described Ferris as about 5ft.5 or 6 inches high, slight build, fair hair, aged about 26 to 27. Left Australia per "Argyllshire" on 11/5/16. Informant states they both belonged to the 26th Battery. On 11/9/17 the Battalion was in action at Dickiebush, Ypres. Ferris was in the waggon lines when a shell came over just as they were sitting down to breakfast and hit Ferris. Informant did not see him hit, but saw him being bandaged up in the Dressing Station at Dickiebush. He was conscious. Informant heard that he died next day, and that he was buried, but did not know where.

Informant added that Ferris was a very fine young fellow, and that it would be impossible to meet a better chap. He was highly respected by all.

INFORMANT:- Cpl.Farrier G.E.Russell, 18764,
26th Battery, 7th F.A.Bde.,
No.4 Aust.General Hospital,
RANDWICK.

Home address:- "Auld Ayr", Anzac Parade,
South Kensington.

W.E.G.
15/4/18.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY

(WOUNDED AND MISSING INQUIRY BUREAU).

54, VICTORIA STREET,

LONDON, S.W. 1.

Nov 15th 1917

No 18658 Gnr Ferris 25th Bty A.F.A

Dear Sir,

We have been asked by the relatives in Australia to obtain the fullest possible details of the Wounds, Death and Burial of the above who died in your Hospital on 12.9.17. and would greatly appreciate any information that you may send us.

With apologies for troubling ~~you~~,

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

Vera Deakin.

SECRETARY

NOTE We have been informed by various C.O.'s and Adjutants that the receipt of notes of thanks only causes them unnecessary inconvenience. Unless you ask us to acknowledge your reply to the above, we will not do so, and trust that you will understand that we appreciate it none the less.

The O.C.

10th Casualty Clearing Station

B.E.F.

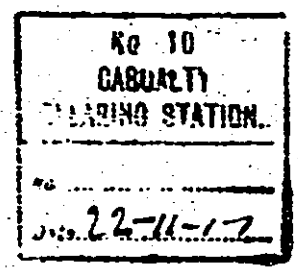
To Secretary

Australian Red Cross Society.
London

Reference reverse

This man was admitted to Hospital suffering from Shell was face & Fracture Both maxillas and was buried at Lyssenhoek military cemetery Belgium.

Plot 18. Grave. E.12.B.



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No 10
CASUALTY
CLEARING STATION.
No
Date 22-11-17

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY

(WOUNDED AND MISSING INQUIRY BUREAU).

~~54, VICTORIA STREET,~~

36, GROSVENOR PLACE, LONDON, S.W. 1.

January 8th 1918

Telephones:
VICTORIA { 8576 8577 8578

Telegraphic Address:
"QUESTMAN, LONDON."

Sir: F. Seale
25th Batty:
4th F.A.B
A.I.F
B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

18659 We are making enquiries for a man of your unit E.R. FERRIS, 25th Batty: 7 Bde. A.F.A
D of W 12.9.17

and have been told that you may be able to help us by supplying some information.

We should be most grateful for any details you can send us concerning E.R. FERRIS but our enquirers wish especially to know whether he was buried, if so, whether it was on the field or in a soldier's cemetery where the grave would be registered. We should also be glad if you could add a short description of his personal appearance or any points that might help to prove his identity.

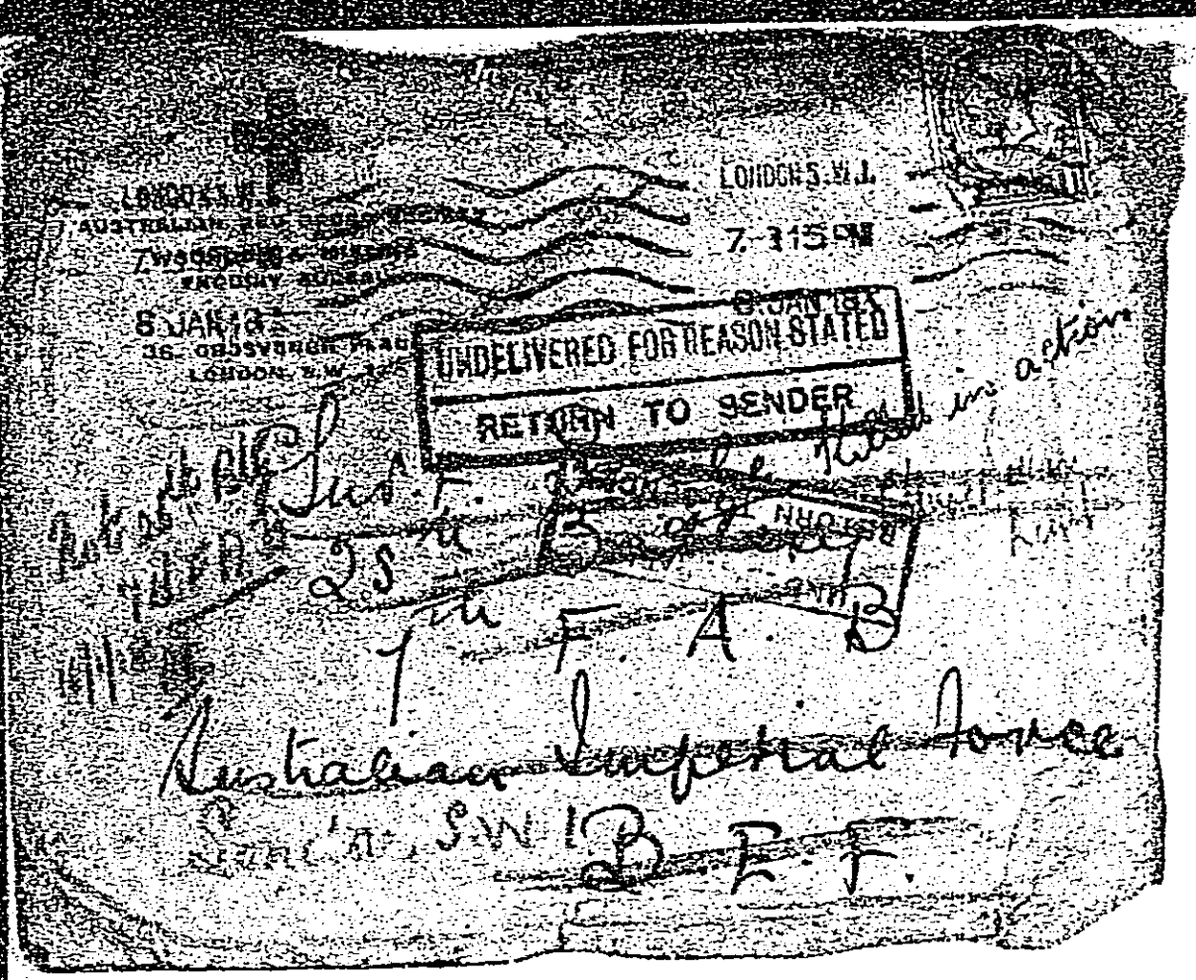
Letter Posted

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Deakin.

SECRETARY

NOTE In your reply kindly quote name, initials and number of casualty enquired for, as without these particulars delay and confusion is caused in identifying the soldier about whom you are writing.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The O.C.

10th Cas. Clg. Stn.

B.9.7.

No 18658 Pte Ferris 25th Bty AFA

this work 12.9.17.

...MANT

...person).

...(5 Bgde. 13 Btty). There is a very fine ... in the open, near the Battery position ...rs there. He was killed in action

RECEIVED
12 NOV 1917
CARLTON HOUSE TERRACE

...SWER THE FOLLOWING :—

...f not, give name, number, etc., of the man who told him.	
...f Informant says a man was killed, was death instantaneous, and was the body buried, and if so where?	Practically instantaneous. buried by Battery position at Ypres.
...Vas there any other man of same name ... Co. or Battalion?	no other

...trans. from 105 HB. had only been with 13 Btty a few days.

Signature of Searcher } Hilda M. Pickard-Cambridge.

Date of Report 9 Nov. 1917