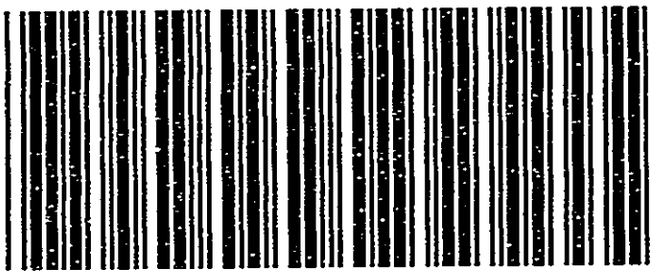
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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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2608 Private
Albert Farrell

1st Pioneer Battalion



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1st Pion. Battn.
C 6th Coy.
A.I.F.

FARRELL.
A. 2608

Killd 4.10.17

Refer to Pte. Neil wain (Meilwain), 1st Pioneers, C. Coy. who is now in Hospital in England, he can give full details of death and burial.

Witness:- Cook, Pte. H. 2336
1st Pioneer Btn. 6th Coy.
3 A.A. Hospital,
Dartford.

Note:- Written Meilwain 11.1.18

W. Cman.

London.
16.1.18

Letter returned marked "Hospital" No trace. H. I.
5-3-18.

S.

1st Pioneer Aus. Imperial Force

Farrell, Pte. A. 8 8608

(K. Oct. 4. 1917).

" A Farrell was killed at Molenaarelstock (Ypres sector) and was buried on the Ridge by a party I sent up headed by Pte. Ridge who took a cross. He was laid aside at the time, and covered with earth, but Pte. Ridge told me he found him and buried him. "

Eye Witness - No. O.C.Coy. (Capt. Chalmers) told him.

Description - Medium size, fair, nickname " Snowy".

Informant :- Lt. Gore,
1st Pioneer Aus. Imp Force
No. 3 London General Hospt,
Wandsworth, London, S.W.

Home address
(Not given).

Jan. 19. 18.
W. Arnold Davis.

Written Pte. Ridge 9.2.18

1st Australian Pioneers — Farrell Pte. A. 2608

(K. Oct. 4/17 Det D/B)

"I knew Farrell. I saw his grave a short time after Oct. 1917 in Belgium Battery Corner with a wooden cross over with his name and number on. The cemetery is about 2 kilometres from Ypres ~~front~~ Town and 1 kilometre from Poperinghe Rd."

Eye-witness: No

Description: Abt. 19, short and rather stout, fair and called snowy.

Informant: Pte. W.E. Brown 2713,
1st Australian Pioneers, A. Coy. 4 Plt.,
4th London General Hospt.,
Denmark Hill.

Home address:
Headquarters.

Feb. 15/18,
C. Matthey.

1st Pioneer Battn.
A.I.F.

FARRELL
A. 2608

"Killed 4-10-17"

Farrell was killed by shell at Zonnebeke Ridge. I was there at the time but did not see him killed. I have seen his grave with Cross on at Belgian Battery Corner.

Informant. Archbold W.A. 2568
1st Pioneer Battn.
Hut 9,
WESTHAM.

W.A. Rand
London
6-3-18

S.

1st Pioneers.,
A.I.F.

FARRELL.
A. 2608.

"KILLED IN ACTION" 4.10.17"

Reference to the death of 2608 Pte A. Farrell. who was killed in action.4.10.17" hewas killed about 5 o/clock in the afternoon of the 4th Oct. I buried him by the side of Pill box in the field about twenty yards from where he was killed and three days later, I put his headstone over his grave but. I do now know if it still stands, as it was close to the line.

Letter from;- Pte.H. Ridge.,
1st Pioneers.,
1st.A.I.F.
Belgium.
16.2.18.

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

London.
19.3.18.

S.

1ST AUST.PIONEERS.

FARRELL, A.
2605. Pte.

KILLED. 4/10/17.

I attended the funeral of two men named Farrell. Three men of that name were killed on the same day. I do not know the initials or numbers of the men whose funeral I attended, but it took place at Belgium Battery Corner, about a quarter of a mile from Ypres.

Both these men were in the 5th Rfts. One was called 'Snowy'. The other was always with a great chum of his called Mumford, who was also in the 1st Pioneers. These men were about the same height, 5'.9".

Informant:- MacGREGOR, CHARLES, 2641,
1st Aust.Pioneers,
No.4 Aust.General Hospital,
RANDWICK.

Private address:- "Rosalie",
Knight Street,
ARNCLIFFE.

B.M.
8/4/18.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

9.2.18.
B

Pte. Ridge
1st Pioneers 9.17
Abroad

Cbt.
2608 Pte. A. Farrell
1st Pioneers 9.17.
C.K. 4.10.17.

11.2.18
9.1.23

B. BROWN
C. Coy.
1st Aust. Pioneers
B.E.F.

about

A. FARRELL
C. Coy. 4608
1st Aust Pioneers

Killed 4.10.17

Buried
2.10.17

AUST PIONEERS. 1. FARRELL, A. 2608.

K. Oct. 4th 1917.

I knew him. That is his number. He was of medium height and build, very fair, and about 20-23. I have seen his grave at Belgium Battery Corner, Ypres and there is a cross on it.

Inf: Pte T.Freebairn. 2614. D.Co.
No. 3 Can Gen Hosp.
BOULOGNE. 8.12.17.

SGC

1st Pion.Battn.
C.Coy.
A.I.F.

Farrell.
A. 2608

"Killed 4.10.17"

Refer to Pte.B.Brown 1st Pion.Battn. C.Coy. who is now in France and who saw him killed at Zonnebeke and can give full details of casualty. It appears he was caught by a shell fragment which hit him in the leg severing the main artery and although every effort was made to save him he bled to death.in a very short while. He was buried just above Zonnebeke and the grave was marked with a cross bearing his number and name and unit.

Witness:-
Pte.J.Jeffery 3363
1st Pion.Battn. C.Coy.
3rd A.A.Hospital.
Dartford.

W.Oman.

London.
10.1.18.

S.

Note Written Brown 2.1.18.

Ist Pioneers. A.I.F.

Farrell. A. Spr. NO.2608.

Killed Oct 4th 1917. Det. D.B.

He was killed instantly by a shrapnel bullet. We were at the foot of Anzac Ridge, Polygon Wood when this happened. He was buried along side of one of the pill boxes close to a large crater, His mates from the coy formed the burial party. I do not think there was any mark placed over the grave. I knew him in the coy. He came from N.S.W.

Description. Age. 20. Height. 5ft. Complexion. Fair. Well Built.

Witness. Spr. Gunn. NO.4220. Ist pioneers.

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

Taken at
NO.4.C.D.Hurdcott.
I2-I-I8.
F.G.H.

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Telegraphic Address:
"QUESTMAN, LONDON."

11.1.18.

Pte V. Sculvain
P. Coy.
1st Pioneers
A.I.F.
B.4.7.

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries for a man of your unit
2608 A. Fawell P. Coy 1 Pioneers A.I.F.
reported Killed in action 4.10.17.
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 A. Fawell 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.

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.

Ack. 21.2.18
P.6.

2608
A. FARRELL

Belgium.
16.2.18

To.
Miss I Durkin

I am in
Receipt of your letter in reference
to the death of 2608 Pte.
A. Farrell who was Killed
in action on the 4th Oct. 1917
he was Killed about 3 o'clock
the afternoon of the 4th Oct.
I buried him by the
side of a Sap in the
field about twenty yards
from where he was killed
I put his Identity Disc
over his grave but I do
not know if it still stands
as it was shelled to bits
soon after I left the line
he has a Cross over his grave
I am Yours
Truly H. Edwards
1st R. Irish

1st R. Irish. I am Yours Truly H. Edwards