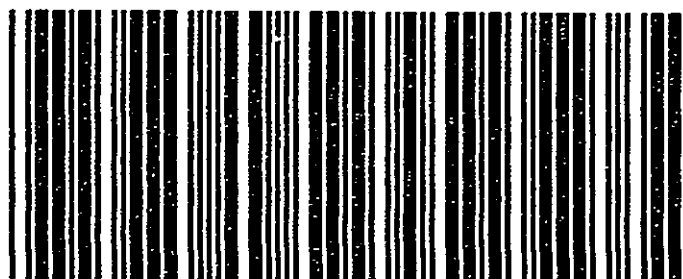


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**4538 Lance Corporal
Frederick Oliver
Holland**

2nd Battalion



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2nd Battn.
A.I.F.

HOLLAND.
4588.

"Died of Wounds 20-6-18"

I knew Holland personally. I was close by him when he was wounded on 20th June on the Meteren front. He was carried out of the trench and died a few hours later at the D/S. I made enquiries about him and went especially to see his grave. It is in the Berre Cemetery, four miles from Hazebrucq. I was not present at the funeral but the grave which is many miles from the firing line has a cross on it with Hollans' name, number and battalion on it. He was a L/Cpl at the time of his death. The ground was held.

Eye-Witness:- Yes.

Description:- All called him Fred

Home address:-

Europamle.

Lenthall Street.

Kensington. Sydney. Suffolk Hall.

Informant:- Russell Vincent. 4268. Cpl.

2nd Battn. A.I.F.

CHELTONHAM.

(quite reliable)

S.

B. Travers.

London.

19-9-18.

H.G.

A.I.F. 2nd Battn.

HOLLAND
F.O.4538.

"DIED OF WOUNDS 20/6/18"

Adm. 1st Aust. Fld. Amb. 22/3/18.
Cert. by Hpl. Index.

Died of wounds 20/6/18.
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs List 3/8/18.

London
5/8/18.

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A.I.P. 2 Bat.

Holland, P.O. 4538

D/w June 20/16

We were in trenches on the right of Meterin, near the baths. At 10 p.m. a shell landed in the trench and wounded eight men, Holland being badly hit in the head.

He was unconscious when we put him on the stretcher, and while I and another S/B were carrying him it took two other men to hold Holland for he was struggling, and raving.

We learnt later that he died in the ambulance going down, and I believe he was buried just out of Borre.

Holland came from N.S.W. with 14 Reinf. His age was about 21-2, 5'8 tall, thin, and dark.

Inf: Goldthorp, Priv.H. S/E 2 Bat. A Coy.

G.F.G.

Herefield

J.P.A.

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Savre

24th August 1918.

Australians. 2.

Holland P.O. 4538.

D/W 20th June 1918. Det D/B.

He was a L/Cpl in A.Coy. from D.S. Wales. He was hit in the head by a shell whilst in our trenches at Merris at night. I have seen his grave in the Cemetery at Berre, Northern France.

Inf:- Pte W.E.C. Dams No. 5995.

A.I.F. 2. A.
No. 28 Amb. Train.

RBS.

PF.

SA

A. I. E. 2nd Bn.

ENGLAND, F. O. 4538.

D/W. June 20/18. Det. D/B.

He was wounded in the head at an outpost between Heris and Meteren, which was being shelled. I did not see him hit but saw him carried away; one of the S/Bs who carried was Pte. E. Brown, now in England. Holland was buried at Terre near Hambroucke; I remember doing up his grave. I knew him well for he was in my Sect. He was dark, 5'10", 23 or 24.

Reference: Pte. F. J. Jenkins, 6532, A.I.

No. 11 Stationary, Bazen. 28.8.18.

ABRM.

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2nd Battn.
A.I.F.

F.O. HOLLAND.
4538.

"Died of Wounds 20-6-18"

In response to your letter of the 5th instant, I have to inform you that No 4538, Private F.O. Holland, 2nd Aust Inf Bn, died whilst being conveyed to the dressing station of this Ambulance early in the morning of 20-6-18. He was wounded in the head by a shell. The burial took place at Noerre Military Cemetery.

Letter from:- G.C.
1st Aust. Flld Amb.
B.E.F. FRANCE.

London.
31-8-18.
J.E.A.

S.

Have

7th September 1918.

Australians. 2.

Holland F.O. 4538.

D/W 20th June 1918. Det D/2.

I knew him by being in the same Platoon with him. He was a farmer in Australia. He was very tall, well made, and clean shaven. He used to play football a bit. I was with him at Strassele on the 20th June in supports, and while he was going to the latrine in front of the trench a shell came over and killed him instantly. I saw it all. He was taken away on a stretcher and I believe buried at Berre near Hazebrunck.

Inf:- Pte Green No. 5165.

A.I.F. 2. A. I.

Australian Conv. Depot.

Rouelles.

SMH.

PP.

2nd Battn.
A.I.F.

F
E.O. HOLLAND.
4538.

"Died of Wounds 20-6-18"

He was of A. Company. I Platoon. At Meteren about this date, about 10 o'clock at night, they were just about to go out on patrol, when shell fell on parades. He was hit in head. I saw him 1/2 hour afterwards, was unconscious. Was taken by S/B and died in ambulance going to C.C.S. Know nothing of burial. Christian name Fred, was L/Cpl, came from New South Wales.

Informant:- Cpl. A. E. H. Richards. 3913.
2nd B. A. Coy. I Pl.
HAREFIELD.

A.D.G.
London.
7-9-18.
H.G.

S.

2nd Battn.
A.I.F.

HOLLAND
F.O. 4538

"Died of Wounds 20-6-18"

He was hit by a shell in June, 1918 on the right of Meteren, was carried out and died at the C.C.S. He was a mate of mine and I have put flowers on his grave which is in Borre Cemetery (Military), and has a Cross on it. He was in A. Coy. 1st Pltn., and came with about the 14th Rft. His name was Fred and he was a dark man of about 5'9", and 22.

Informant. Hickey. Pte. W. F. 3799
2nd Battn. A. Coy. 1st Pltn.,
HAREFIELD.

A. G. Campbell
London
17-9-18
H.G.

S.

1st Australian Field Ambulance.

The Secretary,
Wounded & Missing Enquiry Bureau,
Australian Red Cross Society,
36 Grosvenor Place,
London. S.W.1.

12th August, 1918.

4538
F.O. Holland
2 Batt
20/6/18
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Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

Lieut. Col.

C. O. 1st Aust. Field Ambulance.