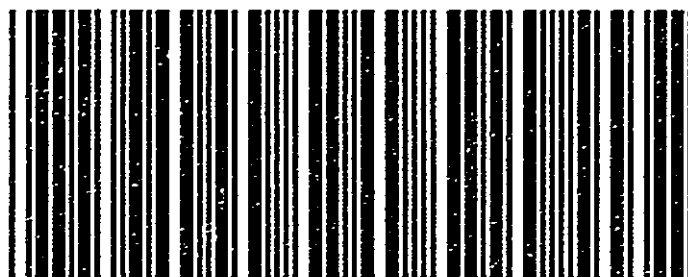


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**8014 Private  
Arthur Hugh Lyons**

**51st Battalion**



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51st Battn.  
A.I.F.

LYONS.  
A.H. 8014.

"Killed in Action" 24-4-18.

I saw him killed at Villiers Bretonneux when death was instantaneous, he having been hit by a bullet on the night of April 24th 1918. I was very close to him at the time, but could not see even where he was hit, for we were attacking at the time. I knew him fairly well and he came from Western Australia. I left Australia with him on the "Aurora" when we left Melbourne on Oct 30th 1917. I cannot give any details of burial nor can I refer to anyone.

Informant:- Signaller Sack, C.W. 8037.  
C Coy. 51st Battn.  
No 3 A.A.H. DARTFORD.

W. Oman,  
London.  
24-6-18.

P I.

1077 P.I.

51st Battn.  
A.I.F.

LYONS.  
A.H. 8014.

"Killed 24-4-18"

Lyons was killed by a rifle bullet through the head. I did not see it but he must have been killed instantly. It was at Villiers Bretonneux at night. I buried him next morning in a shell hole. Lyons was a tall chap from Western Australia. I believe he was a married man with five children. He was a very nice chap. Came over originally with 27th Rifs of 11th Battn. Left Australia 9-10-17.

Informant:- Pte. E. Camp. 7965.  
51st Battn. C. Co.  
DUTTON VEHY.

H.A.H.  
London.  
5-7-18.  
H.W.

P I.

51st Battn:

Lyons, A.E. 8014.

K. 24/4/18.

I assisted to bury Lyons in a grave on a sunken road just outside  
Villers Bretonneux. We did not erect a cross.

51st Battn:

Thomas, E.Pte. 8072.

A 15. Dartford. 16/7/18.

R.D.B.

*W.S.*

*PH*

*10/1/18*

51st Battn. late  
11th Battn.  
A.I.F.

LYONS.  
Arthur Hugh. 8014.

"Killed in Action 24-4-18"

Killed in Action 24-4-18. Buried Approx. U.3.B.5.8. Sheet  
62 D. 1040,000.

Cert: by A.I.F.Hqrs 4-3-19.

2 Photos of memorial cross forwarded to H/K today.

Cert: by A.I.F.Hqrs 4-3-19.

London.  
5-3-19.

P I & P.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "FENTON LYONS, SLIGO"

FENTON & LYONS,  
SOLICITORS.

*Sligo.*

17th July 1918

Dear Madam,

We are obliged for yours of  
the 15th inst and are communicating  
with Private E Camp;

Yours very truly,

*Fenton & Lyons*

*8014 Pt. C. H. Lyons 51 Bttn*

The Secretary

Wounded & Missing Enquiry Bureau

Australian Red Cross Society

26 Grosvenor Place

London S W (1)

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "FENTON LYONS, SLIGO"

FENTON & LYONS,  
SOLICITORS.  
A. M. LYONS

Re 8014 P. Lt. H. Lyons  
51st Ball  
Sligo.

13th July 1918

Dear Madam,

We are obliged for yours of  
the 12th inst containing information  
supplied by Private E Camp. Would you  
be good enough to give us the address  
of Private E Camp so that we may  
communicate with him;

Yours very truly,

Fenton & Lyons

The Secretary

Wounded & Missing Enquiry Bureau  
Australian Red Cross Society  
36 Grosvenor Place  
London S W (1)

FENTON & LYONS,  
SOLICITORS.

*Sligo.*

23rd May 1918

PC-25.57.10

Dear Sir,

May we trouble you in reference to the following. A brother of our Mr Lyons namely Private Arthur Hugh Lyons 8014, 51st Battalion, "C" Company, Australian Infantry, was killed in Action on the 24th ult. Mr Lyons is most anxious to obtain all particulars he can in reference to the manner in which his brother met his death and also would like to know if he is buried in any graveyard and if so, where, also in what part of France he was at the time he was killed. We make the enquiries not only on his behalf but also on behalf of the deceased soldiers wife who resides in Australia. Would you let us hear from you as to whether you can do anything to assist in the matter. If there are any expenses we shall gladly pay same;

Yours very truly,

*Fenton & Lyons*

The Australian Red Cross  
36 Grosvenor Place  
Victoria  
London S W (I)

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "FENTON LYONS, SLIGO."

FENTON & LYONS,  
SOLICITORS.

*Sligo.*

June 28th 1918

Dear Madam,

We are obliged for yours of the 26th inst and note that you are making further enquiries. We shall be glad to hear the result of same no matter how small or trivial they may be. Would you be good enough to give us the present address of Signaller C.W. Sack referred to in your letter as we would like to communicate with him. We enclose you cheque for one guinea, which we will ask you to apply towards your Funds.

Yours very truly,

*Arthur Lyons Smt*

*2014 Arthur Hugh Lyons. Fenton & Lyons  
21st. Bally.*

*written  
1.7.18*

The Secretary

Wounded & Missing Enquiry Bureau

Australian Red Cross Society

36 Grosvenor Place

London S W I.



26th June, 1918.

Messrs Fenton and Lyons,  
Solicitors,  
Sligo,  
Ireland.

Dear Sir,

We beg to inform you that we have received another unofficial report respecting 8014, Pte. A.H. Lyons, 51st Infantry Batt. A.I.F. which confirms the official report that he was killed in action. 8027 Signaller C.W. Sack, of the same unit, interviewed at the 3rd Australian Aux. Hospital, Dartford, stated that he saw Pte. Lyons killed instantly by a bullet on the night of April 24 at Villers Brettoneux and though he was very close to him at the time, he could not even see where he was wounded, as they were attacking at the moment. He had known him well, as they left Australia together on board the Aeneas. He can give no information as to burial.

We are continuing our enquiries, and will at once advise you of any particulars we may obtain.

Yours faithfully,  
(Miss)

Secretary.

*F. J. G.*

Messrs. Fenton & Lyons,  
Solicitors, Sligo,  
Ireland.

July 2nd, 1918.

Dear Sirs,

We write to acknowledge your letter of June 28th  
concerning -

8014 Pte. A.H. LYONS, 51st Battalion, A.I.F.  
and wish to thank you very much for your subscription on  
his behalf to the Australian Red Cross, and we beg to enclose  
a receipt for the same.

8037 Signaller C.W. Sack is at present at 3rd Australian  
Auxiliary Hospital, Dartford.

Yours faithfully,

(MISS)

SECRETARY.

*Bluel*

July 12th, 1918.

Messrs. Fenton & Lyons,  
Solicitors, Sligo,  
Ireland.

Dear Sirs,

With reference to your enquiry for -

8014 Pte. A.H. LYONS, 51st Battalion, A.I.F.

who is officially reported to have been Killed in Action  
on 24-4-18, we beg to forward further unofficial evidence of his  
death we have just received.

Informant- 7965 Pte. N. Camp, of the same unit states:-

"Lyons was killed outright by a rifle bullet. It was at Villers  
Brettonneux at night. I buried him next morning in a shell hole.  
Lyons was a tall chap from Western Australia. He was a very nice  
chap."

We are doing our utmost to obtain further information  
concerning him & will advise you as soon as we succeed.

Hoping it may be some comfort to the enquirer to know  
his death was instantaneous.

Yours faithfully,

(MISS)

MR

SECRETARY.

Messrs. Fenton & Lyons,  
Solicitors, Sligo,  
Ireland.

July 15th, 1918.

Dear Sirs,

In reply to your letter of 13th inst., referring to  
8014 Pte. A.H. LYONS, 51st Battalion, A.I.F.

We beg to forward the following address as requested.

7965 Pte. P. Camp,  
51st Battalion, A.I.F.,  
No 1 Command Depot,  
Sutton Veny,  
Wilts.

Yours faithfully,

(MISS)

SECRETARY.

*M.R.*

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "FENTON LYONS, SLIGO"

FENTON & LYONS.  
SOLICITORS.  
A.M. LYONS.

*Sligo.*

26th February 1919

Dear Madam,

Referring to your letter to us of the 29th of April last in reference to Number 8014 Private A.H. Lyons 51st Battalion A.I.F. who was killed in action on the 24th of April last and was buried outside Villers, Bretonneux. We would be much obliged if you would let us know if it is possible to have a photograph taken of the place he was buried in. Has any Cross or mark been erected? If you cannot give the information would you let us know to whom we should apply. We regret having to trouble you;

Yours very truly,

*Fenton & Lyons*

The Secretary,

Wounded and Missing Inquiry Bureau,

Australian Red Cross Society,

36 Grosvenor Place,

London S.W. 1.

July 29th, 1918.

Messrs. Fenton & Lyons,  
Solicitors,  
Sligo, Ireland.

Dear Sir,

In further answer to your enquiry for -

8014 Pte. A.H. LYONS, 51st Battalion, A.I.F.

We beg to inform you we have received some unofficial information in reference to his burial.

8072 Pte. Thomas of the same burial unit who was interviewed while in 3rd Australian Auxiliary Hospital, at Dartford, Kent stated that he assisted to bury Pte. Lyons in a grave on a sunken road just outside Villers Bretonneux. No cross was erected.

We regret that our evidence is so indefinite and should we obtain further particulars we shall immediately advise you.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.

*Howe Baker.*

March 7th, 1919.

- Lyons, Esq.  
Messrs. Fenton & Lyons.  
Solicitors.  
Sligo.  
IRELAND.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of 26th ulto, concerning a photograph of the grave of 8014 Pte. A.H. LYONS, 51st Battalion, A.I.F. We beg to inform you that 2 photographs of the memorial cross erected over his grave, were forwarded to his registered next of kin on 4.3.19. Should you wish for a copy for yourself you can obtain it upon application to the Graves Dept, A.I.F. Headquarters, 130 Horseferry Road, London, S.W. 1.

Yours faithfully,

(MISS) *Mrs Stampfield*  
SECRETARY.