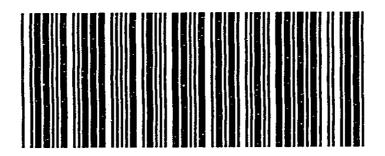
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1794 Lance Sergeant Major William Ryder

15th Light Trench Mortar Battery



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RYDER. M. W. 1794.

"KILLED 12.2.17"

I did not see the actual casualty, as I was about 100 yards away at the time. He was killed at Warneton. by a premature burst of one of our own shells. Death was instantaneous. He was using his gun against an atroplane at the time. I knew him well, he came from St Kilda. Melbourne. He was mitilated very badly, but his remains were collected and buried in a little cemetery at Warneton, and the grave was marked with a cross bearing his number, name, etc.,

Informant: Beckham, I/cpl.H. G. 5043. 15. L. T. M. Battery. 3. A. A. H. Dartford.

London. 23.3.18.

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15th L.T.M.

RYDER, 1794

"Killed 12.12.17 "

Wyschaete front at Gun Farm. Killed by premature burst of bomb as we were firing at a Gotha, I saw him killed. He is buried in a small Australian Cemetery near there, but did not actually see his grave, but saw them going to it.

Informant: - W. Coleman, W. 30, Harefield.

D P.Dickson.

London. 18.2.18.

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K. Dec. 12th 1917. Det D/B.

Ryder initials M.W., a sergeent was killed about Dec 13th in support lines south of Messines. They were firing at Aeroplanes about 3 in the afternoon. They had a premature bound and Sergt. Ryder was blown to pieces. He was buried in the support Line and his brother in the Artillery put up a cross.

Inf. L/Cpl. A.Harris & 705.
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14th. March. 1918.

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15th. Aust. L. T. M. B.

Ryder, M. W. No. 1794.

K. 12th. December 1917. Dets. D/B.

I knew him slightly, he was an Englishman but lived in Australia; he was a L/Sergeant. On the 12th. December we were between Messines and Barneton holding the line. I was about 200 yards away from Ryder, voting on the Conscription question, and I was told that the gun that Ryder was on had a premature burst and blow Ryder to pieces. I went up to the place about an hour after and saw the place where they had buried his remains. I t was not marked when I left. There were a good many follows buried there, some way behind the front line.

Inf:- Qunder. A. H. Brown. No. 2557. 15th. Aust. L. T. E. B. Havre Hospital.

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