

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**1794 Lance Sergeant
Major William Ryder**

15th Light Trench Mortar Battery



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15th L.T.M. Battery.
A.I.F.

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 aeroplane at the time. I knew him well, he came from St Kilda. Melbourne. He was mutilated 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.
22.3.18.

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15th L.T.M.
I.F.

RYDER,
M.W. 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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A.I.F. L.T.M.B. 15.

RYDER, M.W. 1794.

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

Ryder, initials M.W., a sergeant 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 *burst* 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.

55 Gen Hosp.

BOULOGNE. 11 3.18.

JT.

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Havre.

14th. March. 1918.

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 Warneton 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 blew Ryder to pieces. I went up to the place about an hour after and saw the place where they had buried his remains. It was not marked when I left. There were a good many fellows buried there, some way behind the front line.

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

HFG.

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