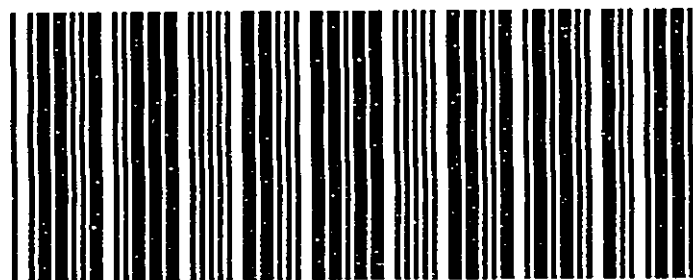


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**1904 Private
Frederic Cotter Ridley**

36th Battalion



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A.I.F. 36th Btn

RIDLEY
Frank Cotter 1904

"K/A. 12-4-18"

Killed in action 12-4-18 - M.F.R.
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs 12-11-18.

London
12-11-18

P.I.

Havre.

3rd. March 1919.

36th. Australians.

Ridley. F. C. 1904.

K. April 12/1918. Det. D/B.

He was killed by a shell at Hangard on the right of Villars
Brettonneux. He was in a slit ? and the whole thing was blown in and
buried him. No cross was put up and we moved out the same night. He was
in the same Coy.

Inf:- Pte. A. Lynn, 3657,
36th. Austr. B. 5.
Austr. Demob. Base.

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25th. March 1919.

36th. Australians.

Ridley. F. C. 1904.

K. April 12/1918. Det. D/B.

I saw him just after he was killed by a M/Gun bullet. There were five men put into a shell hole, but a shell came and blew them all up. They were buried on the spot, at Hangard Wood. He was one of the men. We advanced and I cannot say if any cross was put up. He came from Petersham, Sydney, and was a printer. He was a chum of mine. He was in the same Coy. and Platoon.

Inf: -Pte. W. Orr, 528.
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ALEXANDRA CLUB,
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TELEPHONE: MAYFAIR 6877.

Dear Madam

Thank you for letter of yesterday's
date. As we have now been able to get identity
of my young cousin's grave - 1904 Ridley F.P.
36th Bath: G. 5, 7.

But his Mother writes from Australia that she
feels (as I do most strongly) that all possible work
has been made - and that the work done by your
Bureau has been of the greatest comfort to
Thousands of bereaved families. We all thank you.
Yours faithfully H. Nash

Finished

Australian War Contingent Association.

HOSPITAL VISITING COMMITTEE.

Date 8 11 1918

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Names in full of person enquired for

Fred Colter Ridley

Rank _____ Regl. No. 1904 Battn. 36

Details known up to date K. A. April. 12. 1918.

buried Viller Brettoneux -

Name of Enquirer Miss Nash

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Mrs Nash.

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1904 Ridley. F.C.

36th Bn.

Miss Nash.
30 Kensington Palace Mansions.
W. 8.

March 29th, 1919.

Dear Madam.

In reply to your enquiry for details of the death and burial of 1904 Pte. FRANK COTTER RIDLEY. 36th Battn. A.I.F. who was killed in Action on 12.4.18. We beg to advise you that we have now received an unofficial report about him from 3657 Pte. A. Lynn of the same Unit. He stated that Pte. Ridley was in his company and on 12.4.18. he was killed by the explosion of a shell at Hangard ~~Ward~~ to the right of Villers Bretonneux. Informant could give us no details of his burial as they moved out of the position that night.

We regret the indefinite nature of this report, but are continuing our enquiries and will advise you immediately if we succeed in obtaining any further information.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) *V. W. Parker*

SECRETARY. _____

Miss Nash.
30 Kensington Palace Mansions.
W. 8.

April 11th, 1919.

Dear Madam.

With further reference to your enquiry for 1904
Pte. FRANK COTTER RIDLEY. 36th Battalion. A.I.F. We beg to
inform you that we have received an unofficial report concerning
him from 528 Pte. W. Orr of the same Unit who states that Pte. Ridley
was a great personal friend of his and they were in the same
company and platoon. Informant saw Pte. Ridley's body immediately
after he had been killed instantly by a machine gun bullet on
April 12th 1918. He was buried with 4 others at Hangard Wood, but
as the battalion had to continue the advance he was unable to say
if a cross had been erected. As the grave is still un-recorded
at Headquarters, we fear there is little chance of its ever having
been marked, or possibly a shell may have destroyed the record.
Should we obtain any further information we will at once advise
you.

With most sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

SECRETARY.

R. G.