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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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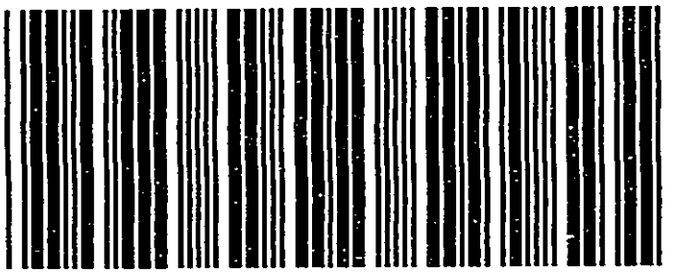
1032 Private
Ernest Robert Ridley

30th Battalion



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A.I.F. 30th Battn.

RIDLEY
Cpl. R.R.1023

"REPATRIATED PRISONER OF WAR"

Arrived Ex Holland at Ripon 18.11.18 - London 20.11.18
Cert. by List to A.I.F.Hqrs 20.11.18

London
25.11.18

OHMS

30th Australian Imp. Forces.

Ridley, Cpl. B. R. 1023.

(M. 20th July, 1916)

Informant states that on July 20/16, at Fleurbaix, he saw Ridley in the communication trench when making a raid. They bombarded the Germans, but in the counter attack they had to retire. Ridley was left in the trench with both legs broken as it was impossible to get him away. It is supposed the Germans took him prisoner.

Reference: Drake, L/Cpl.
A.I.F.,
3rd General Hosp., Wandsworth.

Home address:
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P.O.W. Enq. Cd.

22.9.16.
Du Vernet

30th Battn.
A.I.F.,

Ridley.
R.R. 1023

"Missing July 20th 1916."

On July 20th 1916, just outside Fleurbaix he saw Ridley in a trench that had been captured with both legs broken. The trench was not held, and he had to be left when the battalion retired. The enemy reoccupied the trench almost immediately, so he was presumably captured. He came from Victoria and nickname was "Tosh"

Reference;- Pte. Dunn, 146.
30th Battn. A.I.F.,
North. War Hospt. Ward 29/31.
19/9/1916

Informant is reliable.

Off. M,

London
28/9/16
E. MacLeod.

A.I.F. 20th.Bn.(30th.H.Q.)
A. Coy.

RIDLEY,
Cpl. Ern.Robert.1023.

Prisoner of war

At Gef: St. Clotilde, Douai with shell wound in right arm.
Cert. by - German List 23-8-16.

London,
28-9-16.

BM

304 Belle. (N-Q)

20th Battn.,
A. I. F.
A. Coy.

RIDLEY,
Cpl. Ernest Robert. 1023.

Pris. of War.

Transferred to Gef: Stamm: Wahn.
Cert. by - Letter from man dated 6-8-16.

Off.M.

London,
28-10-16.

30th. Batt
A.I.F.

RIDLEY
Cpl.E.Robert 1023

"Prisoner of War"

Trans. Gef. Ingoldstadt.
Cert. by card from man to his Mother dated 5-12-16

London
21-12-16

Off.M.

A.I.F. 30th Btn

E.Robert RIDLEY 1023

"Prisoner of War"

Interned Impolstadt

"My arm is going on alright and I think that I will be able to use it again" Thank you and all the others for all your kindness
Extract from postcard from man 2-12-17.

OFF.M.

London
5-1-18.

30th Battn
A.I.F.

RIDLEY,
Sgt. E.R. 1023

"Prisoner of War."

Interned Bayreuth.

"I hope to be exchanged soon."

Cert. by extract from Post card received from man dated. 22.3.18.

London.
30.4.18.

Off.M.

A.I.F. 30th Battn.

RIDLEY
E.R. 1023

"Prisoner of War"

Arrived Holland for Internment 13/6/18.

Certs by War Office List X 78303 from Head Quarters 15/6/18.

London
18/6/18

OFF.M.