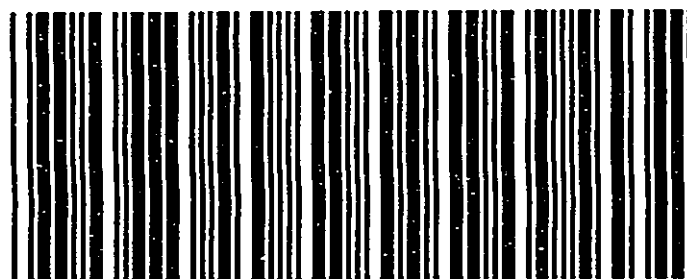


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21150 Driver
John Ronald

3rd Field Artillery Brigade



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UNOFFICIAL BURIAL REPORT FOR HEADQUARTERS.

3 Bgde. A F.A.

RONALD.
Dvr. J.

21160

"Killed 3.9.18".

Unofficially buried near a D/S just behind Clery.

London.
14.5.19.
J.E.A.
6.10.19.

A.I.F. 3rd W.A.B.

RONALD.
Driver J. 21150

Killed in Action 3.9.18

Buried Clery British Cemetery 2½ miles N.W. of Peronne.
Cert: by A.I.F. Hdqrs List for Capt. Speding.

London.
1-7-19.

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A.I.F., F.A.
3rd Bgde. 9 Batty.

RONALD
Dvr. J. 21150

"KILLED 3/9/18"

Height 5' 9" - Age 25.

I saw him killed at Clery-Mont St. Quentin road - He was hit by shell while on his gun carriage horse - he fell off and was run over by the gun carriage. He was dead when picked up. I did not see him buried.

Informant:- 5846, Bdr. W. P. Page,
9th Batty.

London
24/3/19

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A.I.F. 3rd Brigade A.F.A.

RONALD
Dvr J. 21150

Killed 3.9.18

I saw Ronald's (9th Bty) body shortly after he was hit by shell in chest whilst galloping with position near Clery about 10 or 11 a.m. He fell off and was dead when he was picked up. He was buried near Clery in a French Cemetery - Ronald - Jack - about 6 about 25 years.

Informant:- Cpl. C. Howson 16466,
3rd Brigade 9th Bty.

HEH
London
9.5.19

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A.F.A.
3rd Bgde.

RONALD. Dvr.
J. 21150.

"K. 3.9.18."

I saw Dvr. Ronald killed on the team ~~was~~ in front of me and in front of Clery - ~~he~~ was lead driver. He was hit by shell in the head and fell down among the horses and when we got him, he was dead. He was buried near a D/S just behind Clery.

Ronald. Jack - abt. 5' 9 or 10. light build, fairish, abt. 25 yrs.
Came from Mackay.Q.

Informant:- Bombdr.H.C. Eales 3683.

HEH.
London.
16.5.19.
J.E.A.

3rd Bgde. 9th Bty.
A.I.F. Le Havre 7.5.19.

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A.I.F.
3rd Brigade - 9th Battery, A.F.A.

RONALD, Driver J.
No. 21150

K.A 8-9-19
He was dark, short, about 30 and known as Jack.

(At Mont St. Quentin on September 3rd the Battery was moving up for action through a barrage across the road, when a shell burst alongside the team of three, to which Ronald was attached, about 100 yards from where Witness was. They reached the spot in a few minutes and found Ronald was dead, his body having been removed to the side of the road by the Royal Field Artillery. Of the other two men of the team Driver Emery was wounded, Bombardier Smith escaped. Emery is the son of the Manager of the State Savings Bank, Melbourne, and should be able to give fuller information. Witness heard from Saddler Livingstone that he had prepared the body for burial, but did not learn particulars of burial.

Witness;- 2434, Gunner A. Hall, 3rd Brigade, A.F.A.

Home address;- Boolarra, Gippsland.

F. de V. Lamb, Major,
H.M.T. "Euripides" 19-3-19.

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3rd F.A.B.

RONALD,
J. 21150

K. 3/9/18

About 5ft 10ins, medium complexion and build, about 26. Christian name Jack. We were advancing along Clery Road towards Mont St. Quentin, Ronald was driving lead on a gun team, he was hit by a couple of pieces of shell in the head and body and killed instantly. His body was buried just off the road near where he fell. I was riding alongside the teams with the column at the time.

H.H. Subley,
6142, 3rd F.A.B.
Private Address:-
103 Campbell Street,
HOBART, Tas.

Sgt. E.A. Gill,
H.M.A.T. "Suffolk"

2/5/19

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9th Bty.

RONALD, J.
Dvr. 21150

K. 3rd Sept. 1918

Was hit by a Shell whilst taking a gun into action on Somme near Clary. He was taken back and buried in the Military Cemetery behind the Village of Clary on the Banks of the River Somme.

Informant:- Bdr. S.F. Gilmour,
9th Bty.

Private address:- Maitland St., Kurrie
N.S.W.

R. Mathews,
H.M.A.T. Shropshire
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9th Batty. Field Art.

RONALD, Dvr. J.
21150

K. 3/9/18

Ronald was leader of A. Sub gun I saw him hit killed in the action when Mt. St. Quentin was taken on 3rd September 1918. We were going into action with the guns when an enemy shell lobbed on the road and burst and Ronald was killed - death being instantaneous. I have no idea as to where he was buried. Ronald was of medium height - very quiet and extremely popular among the boys. He was a good horseman and driver.

Dr. TAYLOR

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9th Batty. 3rd Bgde.

Private Address:-

Nelson Street,
BOX HILL
Melbne.

A.L. Runcie
H.M.A.T. "BOONAH"
10/6/19.

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3rd Bgde. 9th Batty. F.Art.

RONALD, J.
Dr. 211150

K. 3/9/18

I came away with Ronald in 1916. He was a well built chap, fair, and clean shaven. Was with Ronald and we were on the road taking guns up to Mt. St. Quentin and a shell burst on the roadway near us and Ronald was hit and killed - death being instantaneous. We went on ahead and I later learnt that he was buried at the Military Cemetery at Ham - near Mt. St. Quentin.

Dr. Burns,
21127

3rd Bgde 7th Batty.

Private Address:-

"Riverview"
via IPSWICH
Q'land

A. L. Runcie,
H.M.A.T. "BOONAH"
10/6/19.

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9th Battery.

No 21150 - Driver J. Ronald

Killed in Action September 3rd 1918

"This boy was killed whilst carting ammunition on a road in front of Cleary and was buried at the Cleary Military Cemetery. Captain Bond wrote this boy's people telling them all the details."

Informant:- Captain S. Bond,
Chaplain,
3rd Army Brigade

H. Jose.

T.S. Anderson



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