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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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641 Private Frank Fairbridge Moate

3rd Machine Gun Company



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A.I.F.
late 3 M.G.Co.
3rd. M.G.Bn.

MOATE, 541.
Frank Fairbridge.

"Killed in Action 18.9.18".

No trace Germany.

Cert. by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.

London.
22.10.19.

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3rd. M.G.C. Moate, F.F. 641.

K. 18/9/18.

I saw Frank Moate killed by a shell which exploded also killing Pte. Smith, 4 horses and wounding Dvt. Quihampton, and burying me. A cross was erected to show the spot where they were blown up.

3rd. M.G.C. Skinner, J. Dvr. 651.

A. 6. Dartford, 7/12/18.

R.D.B.

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3rd M.G.Coy.
A.I.F.

MOATE.
F.F. 641.

"Killed in Action 18-9-18"

Moate was killed near Templeux and was buried in a chalk pit. His mate Smith was buried beside him and a cross was put over the grave which I saw,

Eye-Witness:- Yes.
Description:-
Home Address:-
Oakland.
Hodgson.
Via Roma.
Queensland.

Informant:- Brampton.P.R.462. Pte.
(Intelligent)
3rd M.G.Coy. A.I.F.
FULHAM MILITARY HPL.

F.M.Ward,
London.
18-2-19.
J.E.A.

B.

A.I.F. M.G.3. MOATE, F. F. 641.

K. Sept. 18th, 1918. Dets. D/B.

Frank Moate was killed near Villeret, Hindenburg out post line, when leading up ammunition mules on the 18th or 19th Sept. I did not see this but a mate of mine named C. Edwardes, whose number is, I think 793, told me about it and said that Moate was blown to pieces by a shell which landed beside him. I do not think burial would have been possible. Moate was an Englishman, tall, and fair, with a moustache.

Unf½ Johnston, E. A. 800. 11.3.
A. T. Brighton,
CALAIS. 24.1.19. GGP.

Note Written C. Edwardes
17.2.19 B

A.I.F.
3rd M.G.Btn.

MOATE.
F.F. 641.

Killed in Action 18.9.18.

re Pte. F.F. Moate. I may state that I knew one in my company and that he was in another section. also that he was killed about the 18.9.18. while holding a pack horse with ammunition at the point of assembly and was buried with one of his comrades where he fell. I don't know the name of the village wewere behind but is one before Mericourt near the Hindenburg line and to the right of Bony. The point of assembly was an old chalk pit. Description :- 5'8"or 10" in height, fair complexion, light moustache and light hair. If I am not greatly mistaken a cross was erected on his grave. For further particulars write C.C. 23rd M.G.Coy. they know if cross has been erected or not.

Letter from:- 793 Pte. Chas. Edwards. 23rd M.G.Coy.
Aust. R.E. Workshops.
France. 5.3.19.

London.
27.3.19.
D.W.B.

B.

To

793. Pte C. Edwardes

3 M.G. Bttn

a.l.f.

about

641 Pte T.T. Moate

3 M.G. Bttn

a.l.f.

K. 18.9.18

Written 17.2.19

MRS

ack. P.C. 10.3.19 641 KWB

77 Moale

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Enquiry Bureau

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Re your letter dated 17.3.19 concerning the enquiries of a man 77 Moale.

I may state that I knew one in my company and that he was in another section also that he was killed about the 18.9.18 while holding a pack horse with ammunition at the point of assembly and was buried with one of his comrades who he fell.

I don't know the name of the village we were behind but it is one before Mericourt near the Lubinkoy line and to the right of Bony.

The [illegible] Assembly was pleased
to [illegible] an Act
[illegible] for the [illegible] Relief of the
Descendants of [illegible] Hugh Mc Culloch
Esqr Comprising Eight moveable and
Eight negro Slaves Mentioned [illegible] Last Will
& Testament Dated the Fifteenth day of
[illegible] One Thousand Seven hundred
and [illegible] Seven [illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

January 27th, 1919.

3696 Dvr. W. Bruce.
104th Bty. A.F.A.
1st A.D.Hpl.
Bulford. WILTS.

Dear Sir,

We are making an enquiry on behalf of our Australian Bureaux about 641 Pte. F.F. MOATE. 3rd M.G.Coy. A.I.F. officially reported to have been Killed on 18.9.18. and have received an unofficial report in which your name is mentioned. Our informant states:-"3696 Dvr. W. Bruce of the 104th Batty, 2nd Div. told me he actually buried the men the second being a Pte. Smith." If this is true, we should be most grateful for any details of the death and burial of these men which you can send us. So far we have received very little information beyond the fact that Pte. Moate was reported Killed in Action 18.9.18., and you will realise how anxious we are to obtain all possible particulars for the relatives of these men.

In your reply would you kindly quote Pte. Smith's particulars or any points that might help to prove his identity as without them it is difficult to deal with his case.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary. G.F.D.