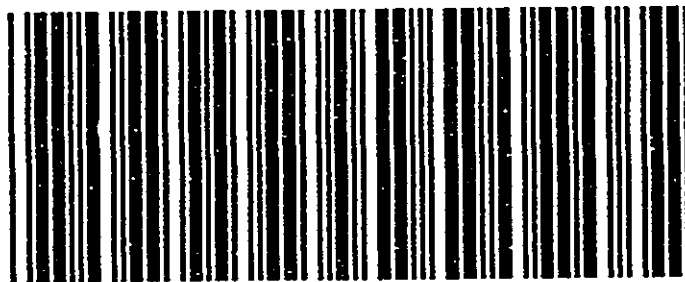


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**1342A Bombardier
Frederick Maxwell
Veness**

10th Field Artillery Brigade



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110th How. Battery.
A.I.F.

VENESS. M.M.
F.M. 1942.

"Killed in Action" 5-4-18.

Veness was killed at the battery position also Jacobs and Imber. They were buried in Frenchencourt Civilian Cemetery. One cross was erected by me and stands within a railing surrounding their graves. The three names are on the cross.

Informant; - Rice. H.L. 141.
42nd Batty.
Hut 21. WESTHAM.

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26th June 1918.

A.F.A. 110. Howitzers.

Venness F.M. No. 1342.

K. 5th April 1918. Det D/B.

I was within a yard of him when he was killed instantly by a shell. We were looking after the Signal gear at the time, near a village some three miles from Albert. We buried him on the spot but the body was afterwards taken up and buried in a Military Cemetery at the waggon lines some six or seven kilometres back. I think the name of the village is Behencourt. I did not see the grave. I have written to his Mother at Bathurst N.S.Wales, and told her all about it.

Inf:- Gumer J.E. DePousey No. 1278.

A.F.A. 110. Howitzers.

Australian Camp.

Rouelles.

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A.I.F. 110 How. Batty.

VENESS
F.N. 1342.

"Killed 5/4/18"

He was on duty as signaller in Henencourt Wood (N.W. of Albert) at 9 a.m. on 5/4/18 when orders came to save the horses and I saw him killed instantly by a shell splinter through the head a few yards from me while he was taking the horses to a place of safety. (I believe that Gnr. Reg. King, 110 How. Batty, got his papers). We held the wood. He was a well built man of about 5' 9" and 23 who had the M.H. and had been recommended for a commission. He was the only man of the name in the Battery but I think it should be spelt Viness.

Informant:- 33266 Gnr. C. H. Morrow,
110 How Battery, A.I.F.,
Dartford.

A. G. Campbell.

London
6/7/18

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110 Howitzer B. A.I.F.

1342. VENESS. F.M.

"Killed 5.4.18."

Henningscourt Wood forward Waggon Lines, killed M. shell at once I saw him buried in the Wood near where killed, but I know that when we moved, his body was dug up and taken Tresingcourt Cemetery near Beaucourt, but I did not see grave after.

Inf. Wells. 1682.

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HAREFIELD.

D. P. Dickson,

London.

11.7.18.

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110th. Howitzer Batty.

Veness, F. M. Sig. No. 1342.

Killed. April 5th. 1918. Det. D/B.

I saw him killed instantly by a shell, whilst we were at the gun position in the villiage of Millencourt near Albert. He was taken back and buried in the Military Cemetry at Fricourt. A gross was erected bearing all particulars I knew him well in the BATTERY. He came from Bathurst. N. S. W.

Description. Age. 22. Height. 5-5. Medium Complexion. Well Built.

Witness. Gnr. Cooke, C. H. No. 19055. 110th. How. Batty. A. I. F.

Taken at.

No. 3. C. D. Hurdcott.

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S. W.

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No. 4. Command Depot,
Hurdcott.

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A.I.F.
110 HOWITZER BATTERY,
10th Field Artillery Brigade.

VENESS, Gunner,
F.N. - 1342.

"KILLED 5/4/18."

Veness was with me in the 110th Howitzer Battery. On the 5th April, 1918 we were in Hondscoot Wood. He was with the gun limbers at forward waggon lines - I saw a shell burst and Veness was killed instantly by the shell. He was carried in and I saw him buried at Hondscoot Cemetery, a cross was placed on his grave with his name on it. I knew him well and was on leave in Blighty with him.

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