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2488 Private
George Richard Storey

51st Battalion



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A.I.F. 51st Battn.

STOREY
G.R. 2488

Killed in action 30.9.17

Buried Westhcek Ridge at J.7.b.7.7.Sheet 28.N.E.
Cert. by A.I.F.Hdqrs List for Lieut Spedding.

London
19.5.19

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A.I.F. 51st Btn

STOREY
G.R. 2488

"H. 9-6-17"

Adm. 5th Conv: Depot 18-6-17 - G.S.W. eye
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 14-7-17.

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London
16-7-17

Havre 8th February 1918.

51st A.I.F. Storey G.R. No.2488.

K. 30th Septr 1917. Not D/B.

He was born in England, but had been in West Australia. He was the 5th reinforcement to the 51st Battn. He was fair, aged about 19.

He gave me a cigarette in reserves near Anzac Ridge about 2 p.m. on the 30th Septr and went away to get shaved as we were moving out the same day. A few minutes later, Private Lamb of the 51st Battn D.Company (now with the Battn) came and told me Story had been killed by a shell. I did not see his body.

Inf:- Pte C.G.Priddle No. 2488.
51st Battn D.Co. XVI Pltn.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

GLT.

Written Pte. Lamb 23.2.18

51st Battn.
A.I.F.

STOREY,
G.R. 2488

"Killed 30.9.17."

Storey was a cobber of mine and was killed outright just outside a dug-out at Polygon Wood by a shell. He is buried a little way from the dug-out and we put up a stick to mark the grave with his name on. He was killed the morning of the day we were to move out, I was present when he was killed but not when he was buried. I have written to his Mother.

Informant;- Fewson, F. 2408,
51st Battn,C.Coy,
Westham.

W.A.Rand.

London.
4.3.18.

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51st Battalion.
A.I.F.

STOREY.
G.R. 2488.

"KILLED 30.9.17"

He was killed outright by a heavy shell which came into a dug out a few yards from where I was and killed four of the seven men who were sheltering there, we went out of the line a few hours after so I dont know where they are buried, but Storey had a brother in the same battalion who has now gone to Australia and who knows all the details . G.R. Storey name was George, belonged to C.Coy.Number 2488. There were only the two brothers of the name.,

Informant;- Pte. G, Bryant.
51st Battalion.C.Coy.
1x Pltn. Dartfprd.

A.C.Campbell.

Hpte;-We regret the delay in typing the above report, ~~but we regret the delay in typing the above report,~~ but we have been obliged to hold it up on account of pressure of work and shortage of machines.

London.
19.3.18.

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51st Battalion.
A.I.F.

STORRY.
G.R. 2488.

"KILLED IN 30.9.17"

A shell burst in the trench as we were coming out and got him and 4 or 5 others. He died instantly, Sure buried on Anzac Farm. Came from W.A, A good steady chap. We were all sorry.,

Informant;- A. Gillett. 244.
51st Battalion.
Anzac Buffet.,

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London.
19.3.18.

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51st Battn.
A.I.F.

STORRY,
G.R. 2486

"Killed in Action 30.9.17."

Pte.Storey was a member of C.Coy and was killed on the above date on Westhoek Ridge. I was near him when he was killed. He was killed by a shell and died instantaneously. A Sgt. and another were killed at the same time and a fourth soldier wounded. One of our Pioneers told me that Pte.Storey and his comrades were buried in the Field where they fell. There is no registered cemetery there, but the Pioneers told me that a rough cross with the names written thereon in indelible pencil marks the graves of the fallen soldiers. He said that any time they were in the vicinity, it was purposed to put over the graves a larger cross. This may have been done but I have no informations to this. The deceased as I remember him was about 5ft 9ins in height with rather fair hair and grey eyes. He was clean shaven and stoutly built, a well set up man.

Letter from:- Pte.A.E.Lamb,
D.Coy 51st Battn.
7.7.18.

London.
22.3.18.

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91.2.18

Pte LAMB
D Coy 51st Battalion
A.I.F
Abroad.

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2488 G.R. STOREY
51st Battalion
A.I.F

K 30-9-17

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2.1.B.

2488 ACR p.c.

G. R. STOREY

5th Batt. In the field

The Secretary K/A 30-9-17 p 7. 3. 18

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London S.W.

Dear Madam

Re. No. 2488 Pte G. R. STOREY

5th Batt. AIF. K. 30. 9. 17

With reference to your letter to me of 23. 2. 18 re above soldier the late Pte G. R. Storey I beg to advise you that the following is all that I can inform you of. viz. Pte Storey was a member of "C" Coy. and was killed on the above date on WESTHOEK RIDGE. I was near him when he was killed. He was killed by a shell and died instantaneously. A Sergeant and another were killed at the same time and a Junior Soldier wounded. One of our Pioneers told me that Pte Storey and his comrades were buried in the field where they fell. There is no registered cemetery there but the Pioneer told me that a wooden cross with the names written thereon in indelible pencil marks the graves of the fallen soldiers. He said that any time they were in the vicinity

it was proposed to put on the graves a larger cross. This may have been done but I have no information as to this.

The deceased as I remember him was about 5ft. 9in in height with dark hair and grey eyes. He was clean shaven and stoutly built: a well set up man.

This is all the information I can supply you with and I hope it may be of use to you.

Yours truly

A.M. Lamb

Pte: 1 Dev S[illegible]