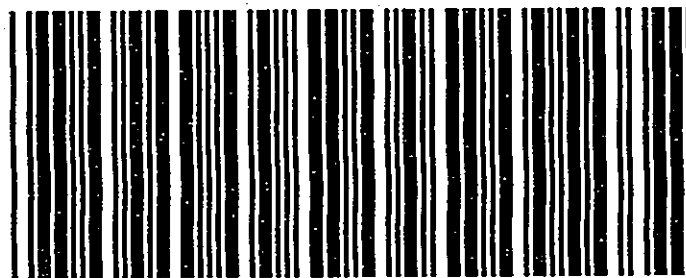


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**2283 Corporal
Richard William Talbot**

52nd Battalion



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52nd Batt,
A. I. F.

Cpl R. W. Talbot.
2283.

"Missing 4.9.16"

Killed in Action, 4.9.16. previously reported missing,

Cert, by A. I. F. Headquarters 15.5.17

London
19.5.17.

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52nd A. I. F.,

Talbot, Cpl. R.W., 2283,

M. Sept. 4th 1916.

"I knew Cpl. Talbot, he was killed next to me in the German trenches just after we gained the trenches at Mouquet Farm in the afternoon about 3 o'clock on Sept. 4th 1916 by a shell."

Eye Witness: Yes.

Description:

Informant:-- Pte. E. Cossum, 2446,
52nd A. I. F., A. Coy.,
1st London General Hosp:
Camberwell, S. E.

Home address:-- Hobart, Tasmania.

June 1917.
M. Everard.

W. H. J. G.
On E. K.

52nd Australian Imperial Force

Talbot, Cpl. Richard W. 2283,
A Coy. 2nd Pltn.

(M. 4/9/16).

" I was told by one of his mates that Cpl. Richard Talbot was
killed by shell at Mouquet Farm on the 4th Sept. 1916.")

Eye Witness - No. Pte. Eric Cossune of same platoon, don't
know number, told him.

Informant :- Pte. Theo Naylor, 388,
52nd Aus. Imp. Force ACoy. 1st Pltn.
Norfolk War Hospital,
Norwich.

Home address :
Penguin,
Tasmania.

18/1/17.
E. Reid.

Written Pte Cossune 30.1.17.

52nd A. I. F.

Pte. R. W. TALBOT, 2283

Missing 4.9.16.

Informant knew a Corpl. Talbot but did not know his initials. He was in A Coy. 2 Pl. and was a big man, clean shaven, aged about 30 and had been a Sergeant in the Military Police before being Corporal in the Coy. Informant was told by Pte. J. Walker, A Coy. 3 Pl. that he had seen Corpl. Talbot killed on the spot by a shell while in a trench we had taken from the Germans. It was on the 4th Sept. on the right of Mouquet Farm.

Reference: Corpl. M. L. Butler, 3120, A Coy. 2 Pl.

No 6 General, Rouen, 14.11.16.

RHL.

Written by Pte. Walker 11.1.17

52nd A. I. F.

Talbot, Pte R.W. 2283

(M. Sept. 4th/16)

"I and Talbot were hit by the same shell at about 2 p.m. on the 4th Sept. which he had a short time before told me was his birthday, he had been wounded slightly in the head the day before but was still on duty, I saw him put his hand up to his head and fall evidently very severely wounded, if not killed, but I was too severely wounded myself to go to him and I afterwards was told by men in the Battalion that he was killed. We were in a trench near Mouquet Farm which we had captured from the Germans on the previous day and the Germans were shelling the trench very heavily. Talbot had been promoted Corporal and was in No. II Platoon of A. Coy. I knew him well."

Informant: R.W. McQuaid,
52nd A. I. F.,
Mercers Hospital,
Dublin.

4th Jan/17.
Thos. Jackson.

52nd Batt.
A.I.F.,

TALBOT
Cpl R.W. 2283

"Missing Sep. 4/16"

"Mouquet Farm I saw him killed in the trenches he never spoke after. He ~~and I had taken~~ was badly smashed up, he had a lot of papers he and I had taken from killed, and he had charge of them."

Reference:- 3193 Walker,
Ward 39
Harefield Hospital.
9.3.17.

London
23.3.17.
D.P. Dickson

offn.

M. Sept. 4th 1916.

I knew him. We were making a charge to take Mouquet Farm. We took the German line in the morning. He was killed in the afternoon. Several men in his company A. saw him killed, but if you will write to Quartermaster Sergt. Jemmerson, 52th. Battn. A.Coy, he will give you all details. I remember Cpl. Talbot because he was a Sergt. but was reduced to a Cpl. just before we went into this action.

Informant: Cpl.H.R. Wright. 3190.

No.1 Conv.Camp.

BOULOGNE. 26.3.1917. RAOI

Note - Informant was quite clear about this man and says he must not be confused with Sergt.G.Talbot 870. RAOI

Written 2 M. Sgt Jemmerson
12.4.17. 7. H

52nd Btn.

TALBOT, R. W.
Cpl. 2283

Killed in action 4/9/16.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5 ft. 6 ins. well built, medium complexion, about 28 years of age, known as "Dick". Casualty was lying down taking cover at Monquet Farm on the Somme. An H.E. shell exploded near him killing Casualty instantly and Sgt. McGray. I was 10 yds. from Casualty at the time the shell exploded but I went to Casualty's assistance immediately but he was beyond all aid. His chief wounds were about the body and head. He was buried at Monquet Farm and a cross was erected with his name and number on it. I was an eye-witness."

Informant:- Sgt. R. Williams,
52nd Btn.

Private address:-
22 Barnett Street,
North Hobart.

T.C.F.
15/7/18.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE

5th February,

/7.

No. 2283 · Cpl. Richd. W. TALBOT 52nd Battn. A.I.F.
reported "H. 4-9-16".

Cpl. Talbot. *W. J. L.*

Pte. Eric Cossane,
2nd. Pl. A. Coy.,
18th Aust. Inf. Bn.

52nd.

16th January,

/7.

No. 2283 Pte. R.W. TALBOT 52nd Battalion A.I.F.

Reported Missing on 4-9-15.

Pte. Talbot,

V.D.

Lu.

Pte. W. Belker,

3rd A. Coy.,

52nd Aust. Inf. Battn.