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**4311 Corporal
Frederick Tanner**

28th Battalion



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28th Batn
A. Coy.,
A.I.F.

TANNER
A/Sgt. F. 4311

"Killed 3-6.11.16."

I saw his dead at Fleurs, he was caught by a shell during a charge then, death was instantaneous. I saw his grave at Fleurs and it was marked with a cross bearing his full particulars. I knew him well he came from Perth. W.A

Witness:- Pte. B. Leonard 4162
28th Batn B. Coy.,
3rd A.A. Hospital,
Dartford

W. Oman
London.
25.10.17.

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A. I. P. 28.

TANNER, A/Sgt.F. 4311.

K. November 3/6, 1916.

I last saw him on November 5th at Fiers in a shell hole in No Man's Land wounded in the arm by a bullet about 11 a.m. He tried to make his way back to the trenches and got shot and killed (so I heard) on our parapet. Do not know who told me this. He was in D Coy and his brother is now in same Coy and I believe saw him just after he was killed. I think his brother who is a L/Cpl may not like to write home with all details but he must know all about it. I think he came from Maylands in Western Australia.

Reference:- Pte.A.W.J.Brown. 4686. D.XV.
No. 1 Can. Gen. Hosp.

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Staples
25.9.17.

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Boul

28th Batt,
D. Coy,
A.I.F.

Tanner,
L/Sgt. F. 4311.

"Killed 3-6. 11.16"

Refer to L/Cpl. G. Tanner, D. Coy, 28th Batt, who is in France, and also to Lt. A. Venton, D. Coy, 28th Batt, both of whom can give particulars of his death. He was killed in a charge at Flers on the morning of 5.11.16.

Witness:- Latham,
L/Cpl. R. 652.
28th Batt, D. Coy,
3rd A.I. Hospital,
Dartford,

W. Oman 11.10.17

Note written, L/Cpl. G. Tanner & Lt. A. Venton
25.10.17

Boul & S.

London 26.10.17

28th Battn.
A. I. F.

Tanner.
L/Sgt. F. 4311

"Killed in Action 3-6.11.16"

re 4311 L/Sgt. F. Tanner was killed on Nov. 5th 1916. He was slightly wounded in an attack, and while making his way back was shot by an enemy sniper. He was buried on the field by his comrades shortly afterwards. There is no cemetery there, but, like many more who fell that day, he was buried where he fell. I believe he was in the Imperial Army before going to Australia and served in India. His brother is still with the battalion.

Letter from:-
A.R. Venton
France. 10.11.17.

London.
20.11.17.

S.
Boulogne.

A.I.F. 28th Bn

TANNER
4311

"K. Nov: 3--6-16"

I saw Cpl. Tanner D. Coy. killed about 11 a.m. at Fiers. Sgt. Williams 28th Bn D. Coy & I were in a shellhole & Tanner was in another about 10 yds away - he came over to ours & just as he jumped in he said "I'm hit" - he was hit in the arm & we bound it up & he was alright, but wouldn't stop with us & started back to R/A/P but he hadn't got far when we saw him fall, killed instantly by machine gun or sniper's bullet through groin. We went back that night & the body was left in No Man's Land. After Fritz retired we couldn't see any trace of his body but there were a lot of graves to unknown soldiers. Tanner's effects were handed in.

Description: Early 6' high, fairly dark, moustache, very popular with his men. Was a policeman in Freemantle before the war.

Informant: Pte. P.J. Mohan 1674
28th Bn (was D. Coy. now HQ.)
Belgium.

H.B.E.
London 26-2-19

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(25-10-17)

L/Cpl G. TANNER.

D. Coy. 28 Batta

A. J. F.
B. E. F.

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4311 L/Sgt F. TANNER.

D. Coy. 28 Batta

A. J. F.

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D Coy. 28 Batta

A J F.

B. E. F.

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Lt. F. TANNER

D Coy. 28 Batta

A. I. F.

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4311 L. SGT FRED TANNER

28 Battalion

K/A 3-6-11-16

S. France

Béthune

Nov. 10. 1917.

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Dear Miss Deakin,

In answer to your letter of the 25th I am afraid I cannot give many details.

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He was buried on the field by his comrades shortly afterwards.

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His brother is still with the

battalion.

I am sorry I have not
replied to your letter before,
but we have only just
come out from the line.

Yours faithfully

A. A. Venton

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November 16th, 1917.

Lt. A.R.Venton,
26th Battalion,
A.I.F., B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

We wish to thank you for your letter in answer to
our enquiry concerning No 4311 L/Sgt.F.TANNER, of your unit.

The information and details you have sent will be of
much assistance to us, and of value to our enquirers.

Again thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.