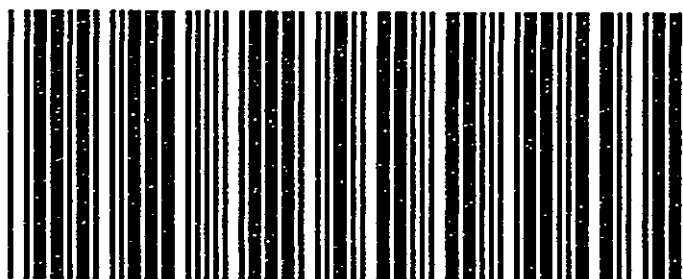


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1952 Private
Albert Frederick
Howard

17th Battalion



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HOWARD
Albert Fredk. 1932

"K/A. 20-9-17"

No trace Germany.
Cert. by Capt. Mills 16-10-19.

London
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17th Battn. A.I.F.

HOWARD A.F. 1952.

"Killed in Action 20.9.17."

Re Pte. Howard. He was killed and buried in the field in the vicinity of Polygon Wood in the Ypres, Sector on the 20.9.17.

His description was, short, rather thick set, and fair complexion. As regards knowing him, I enlisted with him in Australia and we trained together in camp and sailed away from Australia together on the 9th of August 1915 on the Troopship Runie, our draft was the 3rd reinforcements for the 17th Battn. A.I.F. We went to Gallipoli together and later came to France.

He was wounded at Pozieres on the 5th of Aug. 1916. I was with him at the time and bandaged his wounds and helped him to the D.S. After being discharged from hospital he eventually worked his way out to the 5th Training Battn. which was then at Bellestone and was kept there on duty and did not return to his unit again until the end of Aug. 1917 and was only back about three weeks previous to being killed.

London,
25.7.18.
J.E.A.

Letter from:- 1924 Sgt. Dulhanty. H.J.
C. Coy. 17th Batt. A.I.F. France.
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A.I.F. 17.

HOWARD, A. F. 1952.

K. Sept. 20th, 1917, Det. D/B.

I knew Howard personally but at the time of his death I was in hospital in Blighty, but for particulars of the case I would refer you to Sgt. Dulhuntley, who was a close friend of Howard and was close to him in the stunt.

Inf. Pte. G. Corbett, 1909, D. Coy. Sig. H.Q
No.53. Gen. Hosp.
BOULOGNE. 22.6.18.

HH.

Written Sgt. Dulhuntley 3.7.18.

17th A.I.F.

Howard, Pte. A.F. 1952⁵

(K. Sept. 20/17)

"Howard was buried at Anzac House 5 miles from Ypres. He was handing the C.O. a message when a shell hit him in the head and blew it off. He was buried in the shell hole."

Eye-witness:

Description:

Informant:- A.S. Brown. Lieut.
17th A.I.F.

3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth

Jan 11/18
C.W.L.

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A.I.F. 17.

HOWARD, A.F. 1952.

K. Sept 20th 1917. Dets D/B.

A.F. Howard was a Hqs runner in C.X. His number was about 1952. He was inclined to be fair, with moustache, about 5ft 5, and about 26 or 27. I don't know if he was married. I saw his body soon after he was killed on the 20th Sept at Zonnebeke Ridge. I don't know if his body was afterwards recovered and buried. We gained our objective and held it.

Inf: Pte A. Thomas. 6379. C.XII.

BN No. 1 C.O.

BOULOGNE. 12.4.18.

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Recd PC 15.7.18
Amst

France

9.7.18

To the Secretary

J. E. Q.

1952 A.F. Howard

Enquiring Bureau

17th Btln

K/A 10-9-17

Amst Bud. Cross

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London

Dear Miss Deakin

In answer to your letter received on the 7th Inst. Enquiring of the death of Pte 1952 A. F. Howard of the 17th Batt. A. F. F.

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After being discharged from hospital he
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Bollington & was ^(killed) killed there on duty
& did not return to this unit again until
the end of August 1917 & was only back about
three weeks previous to being killed.

I hope you will find this information
satisfactory & am only too pleased to help in
any information you may wish to know at
any time concerning the death of any of our
Brave Boys who have fallen.

I am

Yours Sincerely

Col. 1924 Sgt. Dulhanty. N. J.

C. Coy

17th Batt.

1952

Pte. A. J. Howard.

20.9.17 17th Batt.

A. J. T. Francis