

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
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6312 Private  
Claude Ferguson

19th Battalion



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19th Battn. C. Coy.  
A.I.F.

FERGUSON  
C. 3312

"Killed 20-9-17"

I saw him killed at Polygon Wood. He was completely buried by a shell with several others. We were attacking at the time. I knew him very well, he came from Sydney. I do not know if his body was recovered, and I cannot refer to any one.

Informant. Anderson Pte. J. 6273  
19th Battn., B. Coy., 12th Plt.  
3rd A.A.H.,  
DARTFORD.

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London  
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19th A.I.F.

Ferguson Pte. Claude 6312,

C Coy. IX Pltn. (?)

(K. Sept. 20th. 1917 Date D/B)

"I was in the front line and Ferguson was on fatigue duty just behind. He was going along the duck boards when a shell dropped practically at his feet killing him instantly. Later his body was recovered and buried near the spot, Westhoek Ridge Sept. 20th 1917. I saw his grave. He was well-known to me before the war."

Eye witness: No.

Description: Fair, very young-looking, tattoo mark on arm  
heart pierced with dagger.

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Informant: ( Pte. Hector Bird, 19th A.I.F., B Coy. V Pltn  
Southwark Military Hospital.

Home address: 19 Gerald Street,  
Ashfield, Sydney.

22.4.18.

J.T. Fowler.

Havre  
A.I.F. 19.

17th June 1918.  
Ferguson C. No. 6312.

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

We were attacking at Ypres on the right of the Menin Road in the morning of the 20th Sept. I was about 100 yards from Ferguson when a shell burst and killed him and also a man named Hanaifann and wounded L/Cpl Olive of C.Co. XI Pltn, not with the Batta now. We advanced and that is all I know.

Inf:- Pte H. Smart No. 5030.  
No.1. Gen. Hos. (Etratat).

*Look in H.I. by name*  
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*Written L/C Olive or Olive 5.7.18. Letter returned "undeliverable"*

19th Battn.  
A.I.F.

FERGUSON.  
C. 6312.

"Killed 20-9-17"

He was of C. Company. On right of Ypres about noon of 20th Sept 1st day of our offensive. I was 50 yards away from Ferguson when he was hit by shell. Killed outright along with 2 or 3 others. I did not go over to the spot. Know nothing of burial, as I was hit later on in the day. Knew him well. Came from Sydney, age about 19 years. Height 5ft 10 ins, fair, strong build.

Informant:- Pte. W. L. Griffiths. 3425.

19th Battn. C. Co. IX.  
HAREFIELD.

A. D. G.  
London.  
15-7-18.  
H. W.

S.

FRANCE.

19th BATT. A.I.F.

FERGUSON. C. 6312.

<sup>90</sup>  
K. Sept 29th. 1917. Det.

He came from Strathfield, just outside Sydney. He was in C. Coy. I saw him killed outright by a shell at Ypres while going over to take an enemy position. I can't tell you what became of his body.

WSI.

Ref ---Pte E. Holman. 6572. 20th Batt. A Coy.  
No 3 Gen. Hospital.

Le Treport. July 17th. 1918

*J. S. D.*

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L/Cpl. Olive or Cleve

C Company XI Platoon

10th Infantry Battalion

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5.7.18

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86, GROSVENOR PLACE,

LONDON, S.W. 1.

2/c Olive or Plive

P Coy. XI Ptn. 19<sup>th</sup> Batta. A.I.F.

abroad

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries about a man of your unit,

6312 Ptn. C. Ferguson 19<sup>th</sup> Batta. A.I.F.  
K. 20.9.17.

and have been told that you may be able to help us by  
supplying some information.

We should be most grateful for any details you can  
send us concerning him, but our enquirers wish especially  
to know whether he was buried, if so, whether it was on the  
field, or in a soldiers' cemetery where the grave would be  
registered. We would also be glad if you could add a short  
description of his personal appearance or any points that  
might help to prove his identity.

In your reply kindly quote name, initials and number,  
as without these particulars delay and confusion might be  
caused in identifying the soldier about whom you have  
written.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Deakin

Pu A.I.F.  
Secretary.