

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
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682 Private  
Fredrick Charles  
Litzow

42nd Battalion



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42th Australian Imperial Force

Litzow, Pte. F.C. 682

( K. April 24.18.Dets D &  
B )

" I was at rest with my Battalion on April 24.18 at Corbie near the Somme. We were in several dug-outs and a shell came and got the dug-out opposite the one I was in and killed 4 men, including Litzow and White. I went into the dug-out shortly afterwards to get a man's pocket wallet and saw the bodies. I knew Litzow as he was in my Company and Platoon, and was a Lewis gunner. He was dead and later was buried at Bonnoy Military Cemetery I saw them take his body but did not witness the burial. "

Eye Witness - Yes.

Description - Rather dark, red face about 23 years of age.

Informant :- Pte. H.C. Frederick, 338,  
5th Pl. B Coy. 42 A.I.F  
Aigburth Military Hospital.  
Liverpool.

Home address :-  
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Dingle, Liverpool.

20.8.19.

E.Langford Jones.

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42nd. Battn. A. I. F.

Litzow, F. C. No. 682.

No. 5. Platoon. B. Company.

Killed. April 24th 1918. Det. D/E.

I saw him killed instantly by a shell whilst we were in the reserve line at Bonnay. He was buried in the Military cemetery at Bonnay by a party from the company, the battalion Padre conducting the service at the grave. A cross was erected bearing full particulars.

Description. Age. 25. Fair Complexion. Height. 5-7.

Witness. Pte. Earges, R. No. 673. B. Company. 42nd. Battalion.

Taken at.

No. 4. C. D. Hurdcott.

5. 9. 18.

G. H. B.

C. H. Brown,  
No. 4. Command Depot,  
Hurdcott.

*B. H. B.*

42nd Battn. A.I.F.

LITZOW F.C.  
682.

"Killed 24.4.18."

Between Bonnay and Heilly in a reserve dug-out; killed at once by shell in the same dug-out N.S. White E. Head, Butchison and Cpl. Livingstone the shell went right into the dug-out. I saw them prepared for taking away to be buried, but I did not see the grave. I knew him well.

Inf:-

Burnett, 3262.  
S.31.

D.P. Dickson,  
London.  
30.7.18.  
E.C.

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42nd Battn.  
A.I.F.

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LITZOW.  
682.

"Killed 24-4-18"

He was in B.Ccy. and was a Lewis Gunner. I saw him killed near Bonnay when death was instantaneous, he being hit by pieces from shell that landed in dugout he was in. Four others were killed and five wounded. We were in reserves at time of casualty - about 3 or 4 o'clock in the morning. I knew him fairly well, for we were in same platoon. He came away from Australia in a Machine Gun Coy. There was no other man of same name in our company. They were all buried in a Military Cemetery between Heilly and Bonnay, but I did not see the grave. All the graves were marked by crosses bearing full details. I cannot refer to anyone for further details.

Informant:- Pte Mitchell, 2761.W.R.  
B.Cc. 42nd Battn.  
Mc ? A.A.H.DARTFORD.

W. Oman.  
London.  
3-8-18  
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9th. August. 1918.

42nd. Australians.

Litzow, F. C. 682.

K. April. 24/1918. Dets. D/B..

I knew him from being in the Company. He was short, dark, about 21. On April 24th. we were at Bonnay in reserve. Litzow was in a dug out when it was hit by ~~mine~~ shell & he & several others were killed outright. I saw this & also saw the Pioneers carrying him away to Healey Cemetery where he is buried.

Inf:- Private. W. X. Brown. 3256.  
N.W. 42nd. Australians. B. 6.  
Australians. Camp.  
Roue lies.

CWSSG.

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CP.