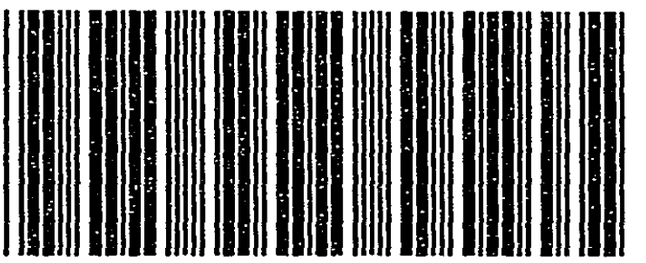
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952 Private
Alfred Wiley Nettle

20th Battalion



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9155 Pte. L. B. Hickson, A.I.F.,
Staff 1st A.D. Hospital,
Bulford.

8th July 1918.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your inquiry of 29th ultimo, for 952 Pte. A. W. Bettle, 20th Battalion, A.I.F., who is officially reported killed in action on 6/9/17, we regret to forward the following unofficial reports confirming his death, given by men of the same battalion. 6415 Pte. Shiel states:-

> "I knew Nettle very well. He was on gas guard in the town of Ypres on a Sunday night in September. A shell came about midnight and killed him instantly. The stretcher bearers came round at once - but he was dead when they found him. He was very well liked and a good sort. I know he would have a grave but I did not see him buried".

This report is confirmed by 5051 Pte. W. H. McGuarr who adds that he saw Pte. Nettle's body after the Pioneers had prepared him for burial.

We are continuing our inquiries in the hope of obtaining more definite details concerning his grave and will advise you as soon as we receive any further information. Assuring you of our sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.