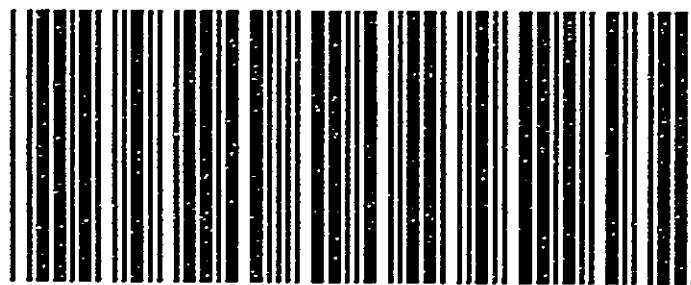


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358 Private  
Alfred Alexander  
Merriel

18th Battalion



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A.I.P.  
25th Stn.

WARRIOR  
Alfred ALCE, 280

Killed 20.9.17.

No trace in Germany.  
Capt. by Capt. Mills 10.10.19.

London,  
26.10.19.

P.I.

18th Batta  
AIF

MERRILL  
A.A. 358 (HQ)

"Bel. Killed 20.9.17." Det. D/B

Killed 20.9.17.  
Cert. by AIF Hdqtrs 1.1.18.

P.I

London.  
2.1.18.

18th Battn.  
C.Coy.  
A.I.F.

Merriel.  
A.A. 358.

"Bel. Killed 20.9.17"

Refer to Sgt. J. Chapman No. 1 Transport Section, 18th Battn. who is now in France he saw him killed on Sept. 20th 1917 at Ypres and can give full details of death and burial.

Informant:- Pte. G. Green 1938  
18th Battn. B. Coy. 5th Pltn.  
3rd A.A. Hospital.  
Dartford.

W. Oman.

London.  
1.3.18.

Note Written Chapman 28.2.18.

P.I.

18th Battn., M.G. Sect.  
A.I.F.

MERRIEL  
A.A. 358

"Bel. Killed 20-9-17"

I did not see the actual casualty, and I cannot refer to anyone, but I saw him dead at Anzac House, with a bullet through the head. I knew him very well, he came from Gunnedah, N.S.W. He was a man of rather ^ Complexion, hair inclined to be grey, height about 5' 8". I do not know place of burial, and I cannot refer to anyone for details.

Informant. Bartlett Dvr. W. T. 160  
18th Battn., Transport,  
3rd A.A.H.,  
DARTFORD.

W. Oman  
London  
28-3-18

P.I.

18th Battn. A.Ccy.  
A.I.F.

MERRIEL  
A.A. 358

"Killed 20-9-17"

I saw this man killed by machine gun bullet, along with 2 other men, close to a pill-box which has since been named Anzac House, on the Ypres Sector. I do not know where he was buried. Ground was held.

Eye-witness: Yes.

Description:

Home address: Informant. Midgley Pte.R.L. 755A (gcd)  
18th Battn. A.Ccy. 1st Pltn.,  
Menzel, Ward 6,  
Melford St., The Priory, CHELTENHAM.  
Hurtstone Park,  
Sydney.

R.W. Sharp  
30-4-18  
London  
8-5-18

P.I.

18th Btn  
A.I.F.

MERRIEL  
A.A. 358

"Killed in Action 20.9.17"

At Westhoek about 5.am during the advance. He was shot through the throat by a bullet. I bandaged the wound but he died before I left him. I do not know where he was buried as I was hit and left soon afterwards.

Tall thin, Brown Hair,

Eyewitness.

INFORMANT:- 3806 Cpl. Cannon C.C.  
Inglebrae  
Wilberforce  
Via. Windsor  
H.S.W.

R.L. Bolton  
H.T. Frankfurt  
At sea 12.7.19.

London.  
J.E.A.  
2.10.19.

P.I.

Havre.

16th. August. 1918.

18th. Australians.

Merriell, A. A. 358.

X. September 20/1917. Dets. D/B.

He was killed at the Battle of Anzac Ridge. He was shot through the neck & afterwards was killed on the spot by a shell. I know him well. He came from Condoelin District, N.S.Wales. He held the ground for some months after that but I cannot say anything about his burial. 5 feet 6, dark, clean-shaven, age about 28. He was a well known rider.

N.W.

Inf:- Driver, E. H. Stevenson. 398.  
18th. Australians. Transport Section.  
Ambulance Train.

CRR.

OP.

18th Batta.

MERRILL.

A.A., 358

K/A. 20/9/17

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Tall, thin, brown hair.

Eye Witness:

Informant:- 3806, Cpl. Cannon, C.C.

Private Address:- Inglebrae

Wilberforce

via Windsor,

N.S.W.

R.I. Bolton

H.M.A.T. "Frankfurt"

21/8/19.

Will  
PC 26.12.17  
A Company

12<sup>th</sup> Training Battalion

Codford Wilts 23.12.17

To Australian Red Cross Society  
64 Victoria Street

London S.W.1.

Dear Sir

would you kindly  
let me know about my Brother I believe he  
has been killed on the 20.9.17 would you let me  
know all about him and where he was killed  
his address Pte A. Merriell 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion A.I.F.  
I am yours Sincerely

Sergeant W. H. Merriell 1976  
13<sup>th</sup> Batt A. Company  
12<sup>th</sup> Training Batt  
Codford Wilts



1876. Sgt. W.H. Merriol,  
18th. Battn. A. Coy. A.I.F.  
12th. Training Battn.  
Mol. Command Depot,  
Cedford,  
Wilts.

January, 5th. 1918.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your enquiry for

358. Pte. A.A. Merriol,

18th. Battn. A.I.F.

We very much regret to tell you that he has been officially  
reported killed in action on 20. 9. 17.

We are making all possible enquiries and will communicate

with you again as soon as any further information reaches us.

In the meantime we offer you our sincere sympathy in  
your sorrow.

Yours faithfully,

*Mrs Stanfield*  
Secretary.

Sgt J. CHAPMAN

Trans. Sect. G.

18 A. I. F.

abroad

about

358

A. A. MERRIEL

P. Coy 18 A. I. F.

K20-9-17

Qu.  
28-2-18

8th April, 1918.

1376 Sgt. W.H. Merriel,  
13th Bttn, 12th Training Bttn,  
A.I.F., Godford, Wilts.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your enquiry for -

<sup>6</sup>  
398 Pte. A.A. MERRIEL, 18th Bttn, A.I.F.

who is officially "Believed Killed in Action on 20-9-17".

We regret to forward the following unofficial report made by 1st Lt. W.E. Bartlett of the same Battalion. He states:-

"I did not see the actual casualty and I cannot refer to anyone but I saw M. Merriel dead at Messia House with a bullet through the head. I know him very well, he came from Gunnedah, N.S.W. He was a man of 5'8" in height, with hair inclined to be grey".

We are doing our utmost to obtain further information concerning your brother and will advise you as soon as we succeed.

Assuring you of our sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.

W. K.

1576 Sgt. W.E. Merriel,  
15th. Battalion,  
A Coy., A.I.F.,  
Ho. 1, Command Depot,  
12th Training Battalion,  
Codford,  
Wilts.

14th May 1916.

Dear Sir,

We have received another unofficial report respecting your brother 358 Pte. A. A. Merriel, 18th Battalion, A.I.F., which you may like to have as it only confirms the information already sent you. 755A Pte. R.L. Midgley of the same Battalion recently in Ward 6 The Priory Hospital, Cheltenham stated that he saw your brother killed instantly with two other men, by machine gun fire, close to a pill box which has since been named Anzac House, on the Ypres sector. He could say nothing as to his burial, but that the ground was held. We are continuing our enquiries and will advise you of any information we may obtain.

With regrets that it must be so sad and good wishes.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) J. J. G.

Secretary.