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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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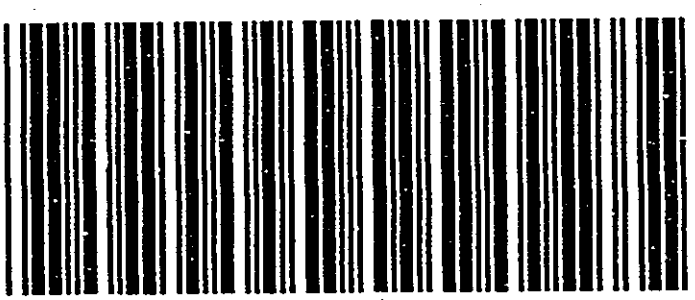
164 Trooper
Frank Laird Villis

1st Light Horse



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1st A/L.H.

VILLAS
Frank 164.

"Killed in Action 7.8.15."

Killed in Action 7.8.15. No burial

Cert. by Mdqrs List. 26.8.19.

London.
21.10.19.

S.(E.O.).

1st A.L.H.

VIRGIS
Frank 164.

M. & D.

Previously reported Missing.

Now reported killed in action 7.8.15.

Cert. by:-

Australian Interm. Base.

CAIRO.
7.1.16.

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1st A.L.H.

VILLAS Stanley, 658 & VILLAS Frank 164.

K/A 7.8.15. Details.

Both brothers were in a night charge on Pope's Hill on Aug. 7. It was awful, shells and bullets flying everywhere. The battalion charged up to the Turkish trenches and then had to retire. The brothers kept together. Both must have been killed. Sgt G.E.Shepherd, 86, A Squad. CTroop, 1st A.L.H., crawled in wounded from the charge. He told witness he was certain he saw Frank Villas' body on the way in. Numbers of bodies were lying out in front of the trenches for days. The Villas brothers came from Cessnock, N.S.W. Witness was a chum of theirs. He collected all the information he could and sent it to their parents.

Ref:-Tpr W.D.Garrett, 178,
A Squad? D Troop,
Heliopolis Palace Hospital, CAIRO.

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10.2.16.

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1 A. L.H.
A Squadron
B.Troop

Villas

K. in A. 7/8/15. Details:

Witness says that one of the two Villas (he is not certain which) was shot by a bullets from a machine-gun and rifles just in front of their trench at Pope's Hill about 4.30 a.m. on 7/8/15. B. and C. troops went out in a charge first and were followed by A. and D. troops. The Villas referred to by the witness did not get ten yards out and they could see him lying dead after they returned to their trench.

Ref.:- Gardiner, Sgt. E.A. No.45
1st Light Horse, A.Squadron, D.Troop,
Atelier Heliopolis.

W.J.I.
Cairo 12/2/16

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