2268 Private

VENABLES George Frank

"MM"

47th Battalion

5/4/18

Killed in Action

(Father) Mr. T. Venables.

miracle.

The depressing news came to hand last week that Lance-Corporal Harold Venables of the Rhodesian Platoon, 3rd King's Royal Rifles, and eldest son of Mr. Thos. Venables, of Ingham, had died of pneumonic influenza in Winchester Hospital, England. The late soldier had an interesting career of active service. He left Townsville with the Second Light Horse Contingent for South Africa at the age of 21 years, where he served his King and Country through the Boer War, afterwards settling in South Africa. After spending some years in South Africa he again engaged in active service during the German South-West African rising. At the commencement of the late Great War the deceased soldier went over to England where he again joined the colors, being sent to France and afterwards to Salonica, serving in the latter theatre until the end of 1918. Contracting fever he spent his last Christmas in the Malta Hospital, and on recovering was sent back to England. The late Lance-Corporal Venables was unmarried and was a fine type of Australian soldier with a record of seven and a half years' active service for the Empire, through which he passed without serious mishap, but only to be attacked by the dreaded disease when his prospects of returning looked brightest. Deepest sympathy is felt for Mr and Mrs Venables and family in the loss of a good and brave soldier son which is the second to occur as a result of the war.

Particulars Required for the Roll of Honour of Australia in the Memorial War Museum.

1. Name (in full) of Fallen Soldier 2268 Private George Frank Venables, M.M.
2. Unit and Number (if known) 47th Battalion
3. With what Town or District in Australia was he chiefly connected (under which his name ought to come on the Memorial)—
   Town (if any) Ingham District Herbert State Queensland
4. What was his Birthplace Redbank Queensland
5. Date of Death 5th April 1918
6. Place where Killed or Wounded The Battle of Dernancourt.

Particulars Required for the Nation's Histories.

1. What was his Calling Cane Farmer
2. Age at time of Death 25 years & 6 months.
3. What was his School Ravenswood Nth Qland
4. What was his other Training —
5. If born in Britain or Abroad, at what age did he come to Australia —
6. Had he ever served in any Military or Naval Force before Enlisting in the A.I.F. (Please state particulars) —
7. Any other biographical details likely to be of interest to the Historian of the A.I.F., or of his Regiment—
   He won the M.M. as a runner at Dernancourt S.W. of Albert on March 28th 1918, eight days before killed in Action.
8. Was he connected with any other Member of the A.I.F. who died or who distinguished himself. (Please state Relationship)— The late Lance Corpl Harold Venables was his eldest Brother
9. Name and Address of the Parent or other person giving this information—
   Name Thomas Venables Senr
   Relationship to Soldier Father.
   Address Ingham North Queensland
10. Names and Addresses of any other persons to whom reference could be made by the Historian for further information—
    Name Edgar Venables Farmer His Brother
    Address Stone River Ingham

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