

No. 4361 Private
EIRD, Willie Hugh

25th Battalion
7/11/17

Killed in Action.

(Mother) Mrs. G. Eird.

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

1. Name (in full) of Fallen Soldier *Willie Hugh Bird*
2. Unit and Number (if known) *No 4361 23 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) *Bendigo* District *Bendigo* State *Victoria*
4. What was his Birthplace *Bendigo*
5. Date of Death *7/11/17*
6. Place where Killed or Wounded *Moolarevetholks about 6 miles from Ypres*

Particulars Required for the Nation's Histories.

1. What was his Calling *Farmer*
2. Age at time of Death *fourty two years*
3. What was his School *Camp Hill State School Bendigo*
4. What was his other Training *Painting*
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) *no*

7. Any other biographical details likely to be of interest to the Historian of the A.I.F., or of his Regiment—

W. H. Bird was four years on a Mission Station of the north coast of western Australia (with Mr. Hadley) teaching the natives. His chief hobby was collecting birds eggs & cures of which he had a very fine collection. He was closely associated with Mr. Shepard an eminent naturalist of Melbourne. He also contributed some sketches to the "Australia in the Great War".

8. Was he connected with any other Member of the A.I.F. who died or who distinguished himself (Please state relationship) *Not* *P. H. Bird's father (Peter Bird) fought in the Boer War; and his Uncle (William George Walker Bird) fought in the Indian War, and at the*

9. Name and Address of the Parent or other person giving this information— *Sister of Inception*

Name *Mrs/ Eleanor Bird no 4 Mawson St New*

Relationship to Soldier *Mother*

Address *Mawson St. New*

10. Names and Addresses of any other persons to whom reference could be made by the Historian for further information—

Name

Address

—This Folder is Addressed to the Secretary, Department of Defence, Melbourne. Please fold in four, and stick down gummed flap so that the addressed portion is outside. The information is required urgently.