

Next-of-kin
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LETTER NO. 12/11. 845
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No. 798, Private.
Bourke, Geoffrey.

21st Battalion,
30.7.15.

Killed in Action,
(Father) Mr. J. Bourke.

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

1. Name (in full) of Fallen Soldier: Geoffrey Bourke
2. Unit and Number (if known): 21st Battalion No 798
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) Meddumbur District Woosang State Victoria
4. What was his Birthplace: Meddumbur, Victoria
5. Date of Death: July 30, 1916
6. Place where Killed or Wounded: Near Pozieres, France. (I think in attack on "The Windmill.")

Particulars Required for the Nation's Histories.

1. What was his Calling: Farmer
2. Age at time of Death: 22 years
3. What was his School: Richmond Plains State School (No 2040)
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) Was a member of Brickrabanque Rifle Club.
7. Any other biographical details likely to be of interest to the Historian of the A.I.F., or of his Regiment—
Was on board troopship Southland when that vessel was torpedoed in Mediterranean Sea on Sep 2nd 1915. Wounded by shell-fire in Gallipoli in Sep. 1915. Re-joined unit in France early in 1916.
8. Was he connected with any other Member of the A.I.F. who died or who distinguished himself. (Please state Relationship)—
Was one of five brothers who went abroad. The eldest of whom, J. Bourke, was mentioned in despatches, and promoted to rank of Lieutenant, 8th Bde.
9. Name and Address of the Parent or other person giving this information—
Name: John Bourke
Relationship to Soldier: Father
Address: Meddumbur
10. Names and Addresses of any other persons to whom reference could be made by the Historian for further information—
Name: Mr John Bourke, State School Teacher
Address: Education Department, Melbourne, Vic.

NOTE.—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.