

No 284 private
GILLESPIE Frank

32nd Battalion

11.9.16

DIED OF WOUNDS

(Mother) Mrs A. Gillespie

A CLEVER LAD.—We are pleased to know Master Frank Gillespie has been appointed a junior clerk at the Port Lincoln railway station, after carrying out preliminary duties satisfactorily. He commences his new duties on July first. It appears that Frank passed a record examination while at the Solomontown school, Port Pirie, in six subjects—English, history, arithmetic, Latin, algebra, and geometry—in August, 1906, when he was 11 years and 1 month old. His school career was extraordinary. He entered the Warnertown school when he was seven years old. He passed through the junior and I. classes in the first year, II. and III. in the second year, and IV. and V. in the third year. He gained a junior scholarship, and entered the Solomontown School at the beginning of 1906. There he prepared for the Primary exam, and after seven months' tuition passed it successfully, even though three of the subjects were new to him. Thus, in four years, or half the usual period, he climbed the ladder from the junior, or infants', class to the Primary exam.

NOTICE ON THE CARD

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

- 1. Name (in full) of Fallen Soldier *Frank Gillespie. Private*
- 2. Unit and Number (if known). *No 284 of 32nd 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) *Port Lincoln* District *Byes Peninsula* State *South Australia*
- 4. What was his Birthplace *Peterborough S.A.*
- 5. Date of Death *11. 9. 16*
- 6. Place where Killed or Wounded *Wounded Fromelles France Died Norwich Hospital Eng*

Particulars Required for the Nation's Histories.

- 1. What was his Calling *Railway Clerk*
- 2. Age at time of Death *21 3/12 yrs.*
- 3. What was his School *Hamerton + Solomonown State Schools*
- 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) *No*
- 7. Any other biographical details likely to be of interest to the Historian of the A.I.F., or of his Regiment—

- 8. Was he connected with any other Member of the A.I.F. who died or who distinguished himself. (Please state Relationship)—
Brother P.C. Gillespie. Military Medal

- 9. Name and Address of the Parent or other person giving this information—
Name *Amelia Gillespie*
Relationship to Soldier *Mother*
Address *Port Lincoln South Australia*

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

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