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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ATTESTATION PAPER OF PERSONS ENLISTED FOR SERVICE ABROAD

No. 3190 Name KNIGHT Alfred Ronald Yorke Unit 7/2nd 59th Batta Joined on 17th August 1915.

7th Reinforce 27th Battalion

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

- 1. What is your Name? Alfred Ronald Yorke Knight
2. In the Parish of ... in or near the Town of ... in the County of ...
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) N.D.
4. What is your age? 20 1/2 yrs
5. What is your trade or calling? Farm Hand
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? No
7. Are you married? No
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) (Mother) Mrs. Lanny Katherine Knight, Pershore Street, Prospect, South Aust.
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? No
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as incorrigible and worthless, or on account of conviction of felony, or of a sentence of penal servitude, or have you been dismissed with disgrace from the Navy? No
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge. Semi conduct 4th Batta. Trans to 7th Reinforce. Now exempt also.
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? Yes
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? No
14. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mothers)—Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you after embarkation during your term of service? Yes
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever? Yes

I, Alfred Ronald Yorke Knight do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

And I further agree to allot not less than two-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife and children

Date 9/8/15.

Signature of Person Enlisted.

* This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age. † Two-fifths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three-fifths must be allotted.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER.

The foregoing questions were read to the person enlisted in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to by him.

~~I have examined his naturalization papers and am of opinion that they are correct.~~

(This to be struck out except in the case of persons who are naturalized British Subjects.)

Date AUG 17 1915

Harry Bartlett
Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.*

I, Alfred Ronald Yoke Knight swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from AUG 17 1915 until the end of the War, and a further period of four months thereafter unless sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed or removed therefrom; and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His Majesty's peace to be kept and maintained; and that I will in all matters appertaining to my service, faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

SO HELP ME GOD.

A Knight
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at ADELAIDE in
the State of SOUTH AUSTRALIA
this AUG 17 1915 day _____ of
_____ 19____, before me—

Harry Bartlett
Signature of Attesting Officer.

* A person enlisting who objects to taking an oath may make an affirmation in accordance with the Third Schedule of the Act and the above form must be amended accordingly. All amendments must be initialled by the Attesting Officer.

Enlistment of Alfred Ronald Wake Knight on Enlistment

20 years 8 months
5 feet 8 1/2 inches
162 lbs.
Measurement 36 1/2 x 39 inches
Complexion Fair
Hair Blue
Eyes Fair
Religion Catholic

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.
No 160/62 6/6
Nacc 3L

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

I have examined the above-named person, and find that he does not present any of the following conditions, viz.:-

scrofula; phthisis; syphilis; impaired constitution; defective intelligence; defect of vision, voice, or hearing; hernia; hæmorrhoids; varicose veins, beyond moderate extent; marked varicocele with unusually pendent testicle; inveterate venereal disease; chronic ulcers; traces of corporal punishment, or evidence of having been marked with the letters D. or B.C.; contracted or deformed chest; abnormal curvature of spine; or any other disease or physical defect calculated to render him unfit for the duties of a soldier.

He can see the required distance with either eye; his heart and lungs are normal; he has the free use of his joints and limbs; and he declares he is not suffering from any disease or defect which would render him unfit for active service.

I therefore consider him fit for active service.

9-8-15

ADELAIDE.

J. B. Somers } Capt
C. Corbin } a.m.c.

Signature of Examining Medical Officer.

CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

I CERTIFY that this Attestation of the above named person is correct, and that the required forms have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and direct him to be sent to 17th Coy Depot Batten

17 Aug 1915

Adelaide.

Mr Hancock

LT. COL. COMMANDANT

FIELD SERVICE.

REPORT of Death of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B. 213 or Army Form A. 36 or from other official documentary sources.

REGIMENT } 32nd BATTALION, A.I.F. Squadron, Troop, Battery }
or } CORPS } or Company }

Regtl. No. 3190 Rank Private

Name KNIGHT, A.R.Y.

Died { Date 17/7/16.
Place In the Field, France.
Cause of Death * Killed in action

Nature and Date of Report A.F. B. 213 dated 21/7/16.

By whom made C.O. 32nd Battalion

* Specially state if killed in action, or died from wounds received in action, or from illness due to field operations or to fatigue, privation, or exposure while on military duty, or from injury while on military duty.

Burial { Place Baton Hall Cemetery, near Rue Patillon, 3 1/2 miles E of Seventh 4 1/2 miles SSW of Ammentieres. Ref. to Map- Sheet 36, square N. 3. b.
Date 17/7/16

By whom reported Rev. F.S. Ward

State whether he leaves a will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Not yet to hand
(b) in Small Book (if at Base) -
(c) as a separate document -

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, as well as the Pay Book, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased soldier of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

A duplicate of this Report is to be sent to the Fixed Centre Paymaster at Home, or to the D.F.A.G., Indian Expeditionary Force, or Field Disbursing Officer, as the case may require, together with the deceased's Pay Book (after withdrawal of any will from the latter). If the deceased's Small Book is at the Base, it should be forwarded to the War Office with this Report.

Signature of Officer in charge of Section Adjutant-Generals' Office at the Base } *I. H. James* LIEUT.
For C.O. Australian Records Section, 3rd Echelon, G.H.Q., S.E.F.

Station and Date ROUES, FRANCE, 13/9/16.

CARD CHECKED

Statement of Service No. 3190 Name Knight A.R.Y.

Unit in which served	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of Service in each Rank		Remarks
		From	To	
7 th Bay 2 nd Regt. Batt 9/27 Inf 7/27 Inf		17/8/15	31/10/15	
		1/11/15	1/11/15	
		4/11/15		
<p>TRANSFERRED TO <u>22nd Regt. Batt</u> <u>21 FEBRUARY 1916</u></p>				
<p>TAKEN ON STRENGTH FROM 7/157 <u>6. 20 supernumerary</u> <u>established strength</u> <u>Absorbed on strength</u> <u>to supernumerary list</u> 6/5/16</p>				
<p>KILLED IN ACTION <u>France</u> 14.7.16</p>				
<p><u>Del. D.O. no. 2756. issued at Baton</u> <u>Hall & vicinity near Batillon</u> <u>2 1/2 miles E. of Laventille, 4 miles</u> <u>S.W. of Armentieres, map sheet</u> <u>36 square N. 5. 2.) by Geo. F. S.</u> <u>Hall.</u> 17.7.16</p>				
Restored from Form A 103	Embarked to join B. G. F.		14/6/16	209054
	Disembarked at Transylvania 'Marseilles		28/6/16	2R5905
<p>Buried in Baton Hall Cemetery, near Batillon 2 1/2 miles E of Laventille 4 1/2 miles S.W. of Armentieres, Map Sheet 36 Square N. 5. 2. Rev. F. J. Gard.</p>				

I have examined the above details, and find them correct in every respect.

H. Marchant

CAMP COMMANDANT.

AUSTRALIAN



MILITARY FORCES.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ATTESTATION PAPER OF PERSONS ENLISTED FOR SERVICE ABROAD

No. *3190*

Name *Alfred Ronald Yorke Knight*

Unit **7th REIN 27 BTN**

Joined on *17 August 1918*

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation,

1. What is your Name? ... *Alfred Ronald Yorke Knight*
2. In the Parish of ... in or near the Town of *Borden Town* in the County of *South Australia*
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... *N.B.*
4. What is your age? ... *20 8/12*
5. What is your trade or calling? ... *Farmer Hand*
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... *no*
7. Are you married? ... *no father deceased*
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ... *Mrs James Catherine Knight, Triangle Street, Prospect, South Australia*
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... *no*
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as incorrigible and worthless, or on account of conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with disgrace from the Navy? ... *no* *Armed Forces, Woodhouse, York (Army 20/3/18)*
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge ... *Armed Forces, 1st Bn, T.F.M., 6th Coy, 1st Div, transferred to 2nd Coy, 1st Bn, 1st Div*
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... *yes*
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... *no*
14. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mothers)—Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you after enlistment during your term of service? ... *—*
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever? ... *yes*

Alfred Ronald Yorke Knight do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

And I further agree to allot not less than *two-fifths* of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my *wife* * † *and children*

Date *9/8/18*

Alfred Knight
Signature of Person Enlisted.

* This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 15 years of age.
† Two-fifths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three-fifths must be allotted.

Description of Alfred Ronald Yoke Knight on Enlistment

Age 20 years 8 months
Height 5 feet 8 1/4 inches
Weight 162 lbs.
Chest Measurement 36 3/4 inches
Complexion Fair
Eyes Blue
Hair Fair
Religious Denomination Ch. of Eng.

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.
VISS R 6 L 6
VACC 3 L

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

I HAVE examined the above-named person, and find that he does not present any of the following conditions, viz.:-

Scrofula; phthisis; syphilis; impaired constitution; defective intelligence; defects of vision, voice, or hearing; hernia; hæmorrhoids; varicose veins, beyond a limited extent; marked varicocele with unusually pendent testicle; inveterate cutaneous disease; chronic ulcers; traces of corporal punishment, or evidence of having been marked with the letters D. or B.C.; contracted or deformed chest; abnormal curvature of spine; or any other disease or physical defect calculated to unfit him for the duties of a soldier.

He can see the required distance with either eye; his heart and lungs are healthy; he has the free use of his joints and limbs; and he declares he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him fit for active service.

Date 9-8-15
Place ADELAIDE

C. Corbin } Capt
J. Brown } Adm
Signature of Examining Medical Officer.

CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

I CERTIFY that this Attestation of the above named person is correct, and that the required forms have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and

appoint him to 3. Coy 2nd Depot Bakh

Date 17/8/15
Place Adelaide

M. Hancock
LT. COL
CAMP COMMANDANT
Commanding

Statement of Service No. 55632 Name Knight - A. G. Y.

Unit in which served	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of Service in each Rank		Remarks
		From	To	
7 TH REIN 27 BIN				
<i>D Coy</i>		<i>17. 8. 15.</i>	<i>15. 10. 15.</i>	
<i>9/27th</i>		<i>12. 10. 15.</i>	<i>31. 12. 15.</i>	<i>COMP. D. 1915</i>
<i>7/27th</i>		<i>1. 11. 15.</i>	<i>5. 12. 16.</i>	<i>Transf. (B. 1916)</i>
<i>82 Battalion</i>	<i>Pvt</i>	<i>6. 4. 16.</i>		<i>(B. 1916)</i>

I have examined the above details, and find them correct in every respect.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY.

L. M. ...

L. M. ...
CAMP COMMANDANT.

K N I G H T	Alfred Ronald Yorke	3190	7/27th Btn.
Surname	Other Names	Regimental No.	Unit.
PURPORT.		AUTHORITY.	
Embarked at Ad@laide on H.M.A.T. R.M.S. "Medb" 12/1/16			
Killed in Action France. 17/7/16		BEFO 44/1-16	
Ref. D.O. 44/3756 Buried at Eaton Hall Cemetary near Rue Petillion			
2 1/2 miles E. of Laventie 4 1/2 miles S.S.W. of Armentierés (mapsheet 36			
square N. 3.b.5.2.) By Rev. F. G. Ward. 17/7/16			
6/4/16. Allotted to 3 rd Batt.		Details. MEF. 3/4-16.	
6/4/16. Taken on strength as Supernumerary.		MEFO. 22/8-16.	
6/5/16. Absorbed on strength		MEFO. 29/ -16.	

Angela St.
Prospect
S. Aust.
Sept. 26th 1916

The
Officer in charge
Pass. Records
Melbourne

ST Sir

Will you kindly furnish
death certificates of my two sons,
reported killed in action
7/6219 No 1111 Lance Cpl. T. H. Knight 52nd Battalion
(Late 12 Batt.)
No 3190 Private W. R. G. Knight 32nd Batt
(Late 27 Batt.)

Also be good enough advise me the
their personal effects
Anticipating the favor of
your early attention

Sincerely Yours.
T. Knight



1/15/16
29/9

FO'L.

No. 3190.

Private Alfred Ronald Yorke Knight,
32nd (late 27th) Battalion,
Australian Imperial Force.

xxxxxx was killed in action.

(No record available)

17th July

16.

Cable No. C.Y.B.L.

251. from the Commandant, A.I.F. Headquarters, dated London,
8th August 1916, confirmed by Mail from the Commandant, A.I.F.
Headquarters, dated London, 18th August 1916.

6th October 16.

Major.

FIELD SERVICE.

REPORT of Death of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B. 213 or Army Form A. 36 or from other official documentary sources.

REGIMENT } 32nd BATTALION, A.I.F. Squadron, Troop, Battery }
 or } }
 CORPS } } or Company }

Regtl. No. 3199 Rank Private

Name KNIGHT, A.R.Y.

Date 17/7/16.

Place In the Field, France.

Cause of Death* Killed in action

Nature and Date of Report A.M.E. B. 213 dated 21/7/16.

By whom made C.O. 32nd Battalion

* Specially state if killed in action, or died from wounds received in action, or from illness due to field operations or to fatigue, privation, or exposure while on military duty, or from injury while on military duty.

Place Eaton Hall Cemetery, near Rue Petillon, 2 1/2 miles E of Laventie
4 1/2 miles SSW of Armentieres, Ref. to Map Sheet 36, square H.3.b.
Dated. ~~max~~ 17/7/16

By whom reported Rev. F.S. Ward

State whether he leaves a will or not

- (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Not yet to hand
- (b) in Small Book (if at Base) -
- (c) as a separate document -

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, as well as the Pay Book, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased soldier of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

A duplicate of this Report is to be sent to the Fixed Centre Paymaster at Home, or to the D.F.A.G., Indian Expeditionary Force, or Field Disbursing Officer, as the case may require, together with the deceased's Pay Book (after withdrawal of any will from the latter). If the deceased's Small Book is at the Base, it should be forwarded to the War Office with this Report.

Signature of Officer in charge of Section Adjutant-General's Office at the Base I.H. Jones LI-UT.
 For C.O. Australian Records Section
 3rd Echelon, G.H.Q. A.I.F.

Station and Date ROUEN, FRANCE, 13/9/16.

To Whom it may concern,

This bears Alfred Ronald York's
Knight has our consent to enlist in
the Commonwealth Defense Force

Prophet L.A.
9/8/15

Tommy Knight Parents
J. C. Knight & D.

Argyle St
Prospect S.A.
August 16th 1917.

To
Major Lean
O.C. Base Records
Victoria Barracks
Melbourne.



I write you respecting the death
of my son Private A. G. Knight #3170
32nd Battalion (late 27th Bat) who was reported
killed in action on July 27th 1916.
somewhere in France up to the front
I have not received any personal effects
Identification Disc. etc I shall esteem it
a great favor if you will cause enquiry
to be made

Anticipating your kindness as
shown in the case of my son the late
T. Keith Knight

Faithfully Yours
Tom Knight

Mrs Morgan
19/8

Sussex Terrace
Westbourne Park
S. Austr.
29th July 1911

Major Leane
Officer in Charge.
Base Records.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed herewith please find enclosed receipt for Memorial Scroll for my late son Lee Sept J.K. Knight, for which I thank you. Some time ago I wrote asking whether any personal effects, disc, etc had been received on account of my other son who was killed in France on 19th July 1910 (No 3190 Pte W.K. Knight 32nd Battalion) but have never had anything yet returned. As I value this Scroll more than anything I have I would esteem it a favour if you could look into this matter for me see if it is possible to have one sent me bearing his name etc.

Trusting that you will be able to fix up this matter for me. also kindly note the above address. as changed from Prospect

Yours faithfully

(Mrs) F. C. Knight

P.S.

as my husband is now deceased please forward any communications direct to me.

M.G.

M. 55/404

xxx 4780

17 AUG 1925

Dear Madam,

With further reference to the reports of burial of your sons, the late No. 3190 Pte. A.R.Y. Knight, 32nd Btn. and the late No. 1111 L/Cpl. T.K. Knight, 52nd Btn. I am now in receipt of advice from the Imperial War Graves Commission that in order to conform with the uniform layout of the Rue Petillon Military Cemetery which is now in course of reconstruction, it has been found necessary to amend certain former grave registrations, and in consequence the sites of the late soldiers' final resting places have since been allotted -

Plot 1. Row K. Grave 92.
and
Plot 1. Row J. Grave 37.

respectively, where permanent headstones of uniform design will be erected and engraved with their full regimental particulars and dates of death, together with any verse or epitaph previously submitted in the form of a personal inscription.

It is desired to point out that notwithstanding the above alterations, the actual places of burial remain unchanged.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. F.C. Knight,
Sussex Terrace,
Westbourne Park,
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Captain,
Officer i/c Base Records.

1276-15-0.

Casualty Form - Active Service.

Army Form B. 103.

Regiment or Corps *47th 32nd Bn*
 Regimental No. *3190* Rank *Pte* Name *Knight A.R.Y.*
 Enlisted (a) *17.8.15* Terms of Service (a) Service reckons from (a)
 Date of promotion to } Date of appointment } Numerical position on }
 present rank } to lance rank } roll of N.C.O's. }
 Extended Re-engaged Qualification (b)

REPORT		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36 or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
8/4/18	C.O. Bn B. 213	Taken on strength 32 Bn (supernumerary)	Duntroon Plateau	6/4/18	AL 487 0/22/1861
2/10	CO Bn B. 213	Absorbed on strength	Fenny Strat	6/2/16	AL 1601 0/29
		IMPk to join R.E.F. Ae anaris 17/3			
			OC, Trps Disemb. ex Transylvania		
			Marseilles 23.6.16		LR5903
2/10	CO Bn B. 213	Killed in action	France	17/7/16	#Q. 1297 V.S. 11/16 0/44/3786 C
2/10	Annual Report	Buried in Calva Hill Cemetery near Rue Petillon, 2 1/2 m. E of Valenciennes, 4 1/2 miles SSW of Valenciennes. Burial Sheet No. Square N. 3. 4. 5. 2. Res. Leonard		17/7/16	A.T. 2957 0/44/4057

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D. Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.
 (b) e.g., Signaller, Shoeing Smith, &c., &c., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties. (P.T.O.)

REPORT		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
		A.F. B2090A FORWARDED TO A.I.F. HEADQUARTERS ON 13/8/16.			
		<i>Plot 2 Row 1, Grave No 35</i>			<i>R.H. Jones</i>Lieut. Officer i/c Records

Army Form B. 103.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 32nd 2nd BATTALION, A.I.F. Regimental Number 3190
 Rank Private Surname KNIGHT Christian Name A R Y
 Religion _____ Age on Enlistment _____ years _____ months.
 Enlisted (a) 17/8/15 Terms of Service (a) _____ Service reckons from (a) _____
 Date of promotion to present rank _____ Date of appointment to lance rank _____
 Extended () Re-engaged () Qualification (b) _____
 or Corps Trade and Rate _____
 Signature of Officer i/c Records.

Date	Report From whom received	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents
		Embarked ...			
		Disembarked...			
8/4/16	CO B.213	Taken on strength 32 Bn supernumerary to establishment	Duntroon	6/4/16	AL467 0/22/1664
6/5/16	do	Absorbed on strength	Ferry Post	6/5/16	AL1601 0/29
17/6/16	O. Troops	Embarked to join B.E.F.	ALEXandria	17/6/16	AP2904
23/6/16	O.C. Troops	Disembarked ex "Transylvania"	Marseilles	23/6/16	BR5903
21/7/16	CO B.213	Killed in action	France	17/7/16	AL1297 0/44/3756
27/7/16	Burial Rept.	Buried in Eaton Hall Cemetery, near Petillon, 2 1/2 miles E of Leventic, 4 1/2 miles SSW of Armentieres. Map-Sheet 3A, square N.3.b.5.2. Rev. P.G. Ward		17/7/16	AT2957 0/44/4057

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.
 (b) Signaller, Shoeing-Smith, &c.
 (200130) W 12012-5156 J. P. & Co., Ltd. Form B.103.2
 for O.C. Australian Baggage Section, 3rd Echelon, C.H.Q., B.E.F. (P.T.O.)

Transferred to **D.C.**
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

D/10808

No. 3190
 Rank Sgt. Name Knight A.R.Y.
 Unit 32 Lts. 27 Battalion

Casualty SEE INSIDE



Continued.

DATE	PURPORT	REF. NO.
16 '8 17	Father asking for Effects	748
21 '10 21	<p>LETTER D.S.M. 14/1009 & Medal to be issued despatched 24.12.17</p> <p>BRITISH WAR MEDAL to Comdr. <i>with</i> M.O.B.M. 51/501 <i>Dec. 17/10/21 18</i></p> <div data-bbox="638 1187 861 1512" data-label="Text"> <p>MEMORIAL SCROLL <i>To</i> <i>Mothers</i> <i>No. 2. C. Knight</i> <i>318069</i> <i>12. 11. 21 18</i></p> </div>	<p>FINAL NOTICE 748</p>
18. II 21	<p><i>in duplicate</i></p>	48/1495

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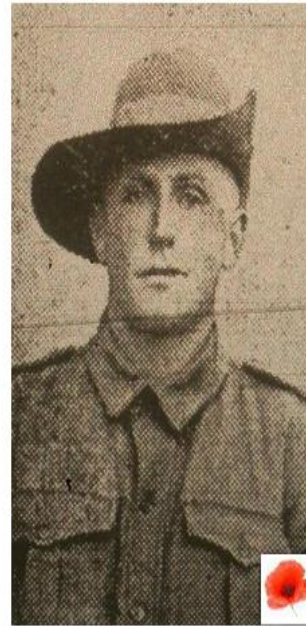
KNIGHT, Alfred Ronald Yorke



Service no 3190
Private
32nd Battalion

Born 07 October 1894 at Bordertown, SA
Son of Tom KNIGHT and Fanny Catherine nee HUBBLE
Of Prospect, SA
Occupation prior to enlistment Farm Assistant
Enlisted 17 August 1915
Killed in action 17 July 1916 in France
Aged 21 years
Buried Rue-Petillon Military Cemetery, France

[Observer Newspaper](#)



RUE PETILLON

Rue Pétillon Military Cemetery



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British soldiers began burying their fallen comrades at Rue Pétillon in December 1914 and the cemetery was used by fighting units until it fell into German hands during the Spring Offensive of 1918. The Allies recaptured this sector of the front in September 1918 and when the war ended in November the cemetery was the site of 12 Battalion burial grounds. Many of those laid to rest here had died of wounds in a dressing station that was located in the buildings adjoining the cemetery, which were known as 'Eaton Hall' during the war. The cemetery was enlarged in the years after the Armistice when graves were concentrated here from the battlefields around Fleurbaix and a number of smaller burial grounds. A whole range of different Commonwealth units served in this sector during the war and the cemetery contains the graves of British, Irish, Canadian, New Zealand, and Indian soldiers, as well as over 260 men, who were killed while serving with the Australian Imperial Force. Today over 1,500 war dead of the First World War are buried or commemorated here.

The Australian Imperial Force – First Encounters with the Enemy

Units of the Australian Imperial Force (AIF) began arriving at the great southern port of Marseille at the end of March 1916. From there, they were transported north and, having spent a brief period in the region of Habsbruck, were posted to the front-line trenches south of Armentières at the beginning of



April. Many of these Australian soldiers had survived tough conditions and fierce fighting during the ill-fated Gallipoli campaign of 1915, but none of them had experienced combat on the Western Front.

One of their first encounters with the German forces occurred on the evening of 5 May 1916, when units of the 6th Bavarian Reserve Regiment raided the Australian trenches south west of

Fleurbaix around Le Bidoix. After a withering artillery and mortar bombardment that caused dozens of casualties, German soldiers entered the Australian positions and captured a small number of prisoners before retiring to their own lines. For the next number of weeks, activity along this sector of the front increased as German and Australian artillery units regularly exchanged fire and German snipers claimed a steady toll of casualties.

On 30 May, the Germans staged another raid, this time attacking a salient held by the 11th Battalion AIF at Cordonnerie Farm. British and Australian miners had been tunnelling in this part of the line, and the objective of the German raid was to identify the Commonwealth regiments in the area and destroy mine shafts. At 8.15 pm, the Germans unleashed a devastating bombardment of artillery shells and heavy trench mortar bombs. This intense fire continued for over an hour and twenty minutes and completely destroyed the flimsy breastworks behind which the Australian troops were sheltering. Despite the noise and thick clouds of shell smoke, the men of the 11th rallied well and began firing Lewis gun rounds toward the German troops who started advancing across no-man's land just after 9.00 pm. The raiders managed to enter the Australian positions and capture a handful of prisoners, but were forced to retreat before they could inflict further damage. The lengthy bombardment that accompanied the raid on 30 May caused over 100 Australian casualties, over 40 of whom were killed. Many of those killed during the raid were buried at Rue Pétillon, which is also the final resting place of over 100 Australian soldiers killed at the Battle of Fromelles on 19 July 1916.

New Zealanders of the 9th Wellington East Coast Rifles Regiment holding a well-constructed breastwork near Fleurbaix, June 1916.
Nieuwlandse de Rijn regiment (Wellington East Coast Rifles) searching on parapet for captured pill boxes near Fleurbaix, June 1916.

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The Commission is responsible for the commemoration of almost 1,700,000 members of the Commonwealth forces who gave their lives in the two world wars. The graves and memorials of these men and women, who came from all parts of the Commonwealth and who were of many faiths and of none, are found around the globe in some 150 countries. For more information about the Commission, our work and how to search our records online visit www.cwgc.org Enquiries are also welcome at our offices: **CWGC Head Office** Tel: +44 (0) 1628 507200
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