

Milton holding his Grandfathers Death Plaque  
4523 Private Robert Edgar Ford  
31st Bn - KIA Polygon Wood 26Sept 1916



**Robert Ford**

Rank - Private [Pte]

Service Number - 4523

Unit 31 Bn Australian Inf

Date of Death 26 September 1917

Cause of Death Killed in action Polygon Wood

Cemetery or Memorial Details

BELGIUM 308 Buttes New British Cemetery Polygon Wood Zonnebeke

FORD, Pte. Robert Edgar, 4523. 31st Bn. Australian Inf. Killed in action 26th Sept., 1917. Age 41. Son of William Benjamin Ford and Esther Esdail, his wife; husband of Henrietta U. Ford, of Elphinstone, Queensland. Born at Yokohama, Japan. XXIV. D. 3.

Source

AWM145 Roll of Honour cards, 1914-1918 War, Army

Forms required for the Roll of Honour of Australia in the Memorial War Museum.

NOTED ON H. R. CARD

1. Name (in full) of Fallen Soldier *Robert Edgar Ford.*
2. Unit and Number (if known) *4523*
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) *B-lifton* District *B-lifton* State *Queensland*
4. What was his Birthplace *Yokohama Japan*
5. Date of Death *26 Sept 1917*
6. Place where Killed or Wounded *Polygon Wood*

**Particulars Required for the Nation's Histories.**

1. What was his Calling (at time of enlistment) *Painter & Signwriter*
2. Age at time of Death *41*
3. What was his School *Blackheath England.*
4. What was his other Training *Naval.*
5. If born in Britain or Abroad, at what age did he come to Australia *about 18 or 20 yrs.*
6. Had he ever served in any Military or Naval Force before Enlisting in the A.I.F. (Please state particulars) *yes*  
*British Navy.*
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)—

9. Name and Address of the Parent or other person giving this information—  
Name *Henrietta M Ford*  
Relationship to Soldier *Widow*  
Address *Elphinstone St. B-lifton Queensland*

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

NOTE.—This Folder is Addressed to the Officer in Charge, Base Records, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne. Please fold in four, and stick down gummed flap so that the addressed portion is outside. The information is required urgently.