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2488 Private  
George Richard Storey

51st Battalion



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A.I.F. 51st Battn.

STOREY  
G.R. 2488

Killed in action 30.9.17

Buried Westcok Ridge at J.7.b.7.7.Sheet 28.N.E.  
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs List for Lieut Spedding.

London  
19.8.19

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A.I.F. 51st Btn

G.R. STOREY  
2488

"W. 9-6-17"

Adm. 5th Conv: Depot 18-6-17 - G.S.W. eye  
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 14-7-17.

London  
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8th February 1918.

51st A.I.F.

Storey G.R. No. 2488.

K. 30th Sept 1917. Det D/B.

He was born in England, but had been in West Australia. He was the 5th reinforcement to the 51st Batta. He was fair, aged about 19.

He gave me a cigarette in reserves near Anzac Ridge about 2 p.m. on the 30th Sept and went away to get shaved as we were moving out the same day. A few minutes later, Private Lamb of the 51st Batta D. Company (now with the Batta) came and told me Storey had been killed by a shell. I did not see his body.

Inf:- Pte C.G. Priddle No. <sup>2488</sup> 2488.  
51st Batta D. Co. XVI Pltn.  
Australian Camp.  
Rouelles.

GLT.

Written Pte. Lamb 23. 2. 18

51st Battn.  
A.I.F.

STOREY,  
G.R. 2488

"Killed 30.9.17."

Storey was a cobbler of mine and was killed outright just outside a dug-out at Polygon Wood by a shell. He is buried a little way from the dug-out and we put up a stick to mark the grave with his name on. He was killed the morning of the day we were to move out, I was present when he was killed but not when he was buried. I have written to his Mother.

Informant:- Fewson, F. 2408,  
51st Battn, C. Coy.  
Westham.

W.A.Rand.

London.  
4.3.18.

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51st Battalion.  
A.I.F.

STOREY.  
G.R. 2488.

"KILLED 30.9.17"

He was killed outright by a heavy shell which came into a dug out a few yards from where I was and killed four of the seven men who were sheltering there, we went out of the line a few hours after so I don't know where they are buried, but Storey had a brother in the same battalion who has now gone to Australia and who knows all the details. G.R. Storey name was George, belonged to C. Coy. Number 2488. There were only the two brothers of the name.,

Informant:- Pte. G. Bryant.  
51st Battalion, C. Coy.  
1x Pltn. Dartford.

*W.A. Campbell.*  
~~Note:- We regret the delay in typing the above report, but we regret the delay in typing the above report, but we have been obliged to hold it up on account of pressure of work and shortage of machines.~~

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51st Battalion.  
A.I.F.

STORY.  
G.R. 2488.

"KILLED IN 30.9.17"

A shell burst in the trench as we were coming out and got him and 4 or 5 others. He died instantly, Sure buried on Anzac Farm. Came from W.A, A good steady chap. We were all sorry.,

Informant;- A. Gillett. 244.  
51st Battalion.  
Anzac Buffet.,

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19.3.18.

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51st Battn.  
A.I.F.

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STORY,  
G.R. 2488

"Killed in Action 30.9.17."

Pte.Storey was a member of C.Coy and was killed on the above date on Westhoek Ridge. I was near him when he was killed. He was killed by a shell and died instantaneously. A Sgt. and another were killed at the same time and a fourth soldier wounded. One of our Pioneers told me that Pte.Storey and his comrades were buried in the Field where they fell. There is no registered cemetery there, but the Pioneers told me that a rough cross with the names written thereon in indelible pencil marks the graves of the fallen soldiers. He said that any time they were in the vicinity, it was purposed to put over the graves a larger cross. This may have been done but I have no information as to this. The deceased as I remember him was about 5ft 9ins in height with rather fair hair and grey eyes. He was clean shaven and stoutly built, a well set up man.

Letter from:- Pte.A.M.Lamb,  
D.Coy 51st Battn.  
7.3.18.

London.  
22.3.18.

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21-2-18

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D Coy 51<sup>st</sup> Battalion

A. I. F.

Abroad

About

2488 G. R. STOREY

51<sup>st</sup> Battalion

A. I. F.

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23-2-18  
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51st Batta In The Field

The Secretary 10/A 30-9-17 } 7. 3. 18

Aus. Red Cross Society 3 (C)

London S.W.

Dear Madam

No. 2488 G. R. STOREY

51 Batta AIF. 10. 30. 9. 17

With reference to your letter to me of 23-2-18 in above address the late Pte G. R. Storey I beg to advise you that the following is all that I can inform you of. viz. Pte Storey was a member of "C" Coy. and was killed on the above date on WESTHOEK RIDGE. I was near him when he was killed. He was killed by a shell and died instantaneously. A sergeant and another were killed at the same time and a further 5 died wounded. One of our Pioneers told me that Pte Storey and his comrades were buried in the field where they fell. There is no registered cemetery there but the Pioneer told me that a rough cross with the names written thereon in indelible pencil marks the graves of the fallen soldiers. He said that any time they were in the vicinity

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This is all the information I can  
supply you with and I hope it may be  
of use to you.

Yours truly

A. M. Lamb

PLE: Doy 51<sup>st</sup>