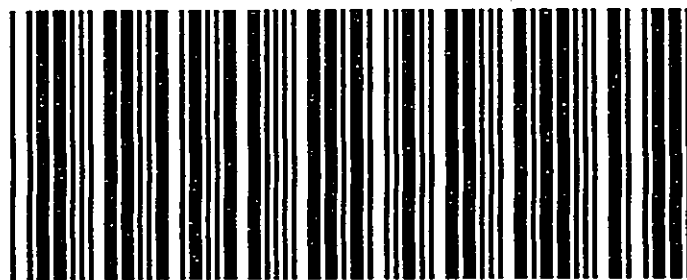


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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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Lieutenant
Victor Gillard Dridan

50th Battalion



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A.I.F. 50th Battn

DRIDAN
Lieut G.Victor

Off. Died of Wounds

Died of Wounds 16-8-16 at 13th Field Amb. France
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 4-10-16.

Buried at Warley Ballid Cemetery.
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 25-10-16.

London
26-10-16

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50th Battn.,
A. I. F.

DRIDAN,
Lieut.

"Off. Died of Wounds."

"Off Died of Wounds 16-7-16. Letter received from soldier
dated 3-8-16 from France."

Died of Wounds 16-8-16.
Cert. by - A.I.F. Headquarters 4-10-16.

London,
5-10-16.

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FRANCE.

A.I.P. 50.

DRIDAN, Lieut.

D/W. August 16th. 1916.

I knew Mr. Dridan; he was a 1st. Lieut. in B., and was 2nd. in command on 16th. August last. I last saw him not far from Chalk Pit, near Pozieres on 14.8.16. I was told by a R.A.M.C. man that Mr. Dridan had his arm blown off. I saw his grave in the cemetery at Warloy; the cross had not yet been erected, but his hospital card was on the grave. I think he had only been buried the day before I saw it. There was only one Mr. Dridan in the Regt.

Reference: H. W. Doddridge, 2839, B.V.,

4 A.D.B.D.,

Staples. 20.10.16.

HSO.

50th. Battn.
A.I.F.

Dridan,
Lieut.

"Died of Wounds August 16th. 1916"

On August 14th. about 8.30 p.m. Lieut. Dridan had his forearm shot off. Major Herbert was with him and bandaged him up. Dridan started back for the dressing station when he was shot down and killed. This occurred between Pozieres & Mouquet.

Reference: Private G. J. Watt 3197
50th. Battalion,
D. Coy.
Woodcote
19-10-16

Note: Wrote to Major Herbert 23-10-16

London,
26-10-16
F.C.

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50th A.I.F.
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Dridan Lt.

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D/W Aug. 15th 1916)

Informant states that "on Aug. 16th 1916 on the Somme Mr. Dridan was wounded, two stretcher bearers were carrying him across, a shell struck the party, both stretcher bearers were killed. Mr. Dridan's arm was blown off and he died there. He is buried at Warloy".

Reference: L/Cpl. H.J. Burden 1910,
50th A.I.F., Headquarters Company,
Crothers Hospital,
Southborough, Tunbridge Wells.

Home address:
Torrent Villa,
Adelaide.

Nov. 18th 1916,
M.J. Peglar.

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Cl

France.

A. I. F. 50.

DRIDAN, Lt.

D/W. 16th. August 1916.

I knew Mr. Dridan; he was a 1st. Lieut. and came over from Australia with the 11th. Reinf. of 10th. and I saw him at Mouquet Farm in first attack, with part of his right arm shot away - all the bone was gone between the elbow and the shoulder. The arm was strapped up; he was in our trench from midnight on Monday till about midday Tuesday, when he was carried away by a stretcher party under Cpl. Higrove. It had stopped bleeding whilst in the trench. Whilst being carried out, Cpl. Higrove was struck by a shell and killed. The same shell wounded Pte. Scott who was helping. They were just putting him down when the shell burst. Mr. Dridan got back to H.Q., and he was buried in Warley Wood. I saw his arm; it was not bandaged - it was merely covered up.

Reference: Cpl. Duncan (a careful reliable witness).

3276 H.S.S.

I saw Lt. Dridan's grave in Warley Wood, with a cross on it with his name.

Reference: C.I.C. Hogan, 3555, C., (a careful witness),
4. A.D.B.D., Staples. 24.10.16.

HSO.

50th Battalion.
A.I.F.

Dridan
G. V. Lieut.

"Died of wounds 13-8-16."

Witness states that above died in hospital at
Warloy, France. and was buried there about 17th to 18th Aug. 1916

Witness does not remember the name of the hospital.

Reference;- Sergt. Nuttall. 511
50th Battalion, A.I.F.,
51-10-16.

London
2-11-16
W.L.W.B.

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50th A. I. F.

Dridan, Lieutenant

(D/W. Aug: 16th/16. Det: D.& B.)

Informant states that at Pozières Lieut: Dridan had his arm blown off on the Saturday and they could not get him in till Monday. C.O. Chappel, 3776 (M.in list) volunteered to bring him in. Chappel was killed by a shell as he was carrying the stretcher and Lieut: Dridan died at the same time from shock.

Eyewitness No.

Reference:- J. Brown, 3184,
50th A. I. F.,
Kitchener's Hospital,
Brighton.

Home Address:- Port Adelaide,
South Australia.

28th November 1916.
Mrs Wachell.

France

A.I.F. 50.

DRIDAN Lt.

D/W.16.8.16.

He died at the Receiving Station at Warloy and is buried in the Cemetery there. I had the Cemetery pointed out to me as we went past one day. He was badly wounded in the leg at Pozieres on the 13th. or 14th. Aug. and died through loss of blood.

SA.

Reference: Sgt. F.H. Stanford. 2730. B.Co.
4 A.D.B.D.

Staples. 31.10.16.

50th Battn,
A.I.F.,

Dridan
Lieut.V.G.

"Died of wounds aug.16th 1916"

On Monday night 14th August, between Pozieres and Mouquet Farm, while improving the position Lieut.Dridan was hit by a shell, which shattered his right arm from the elbow, to the wrist (the hand was untouched). He walked into the trench, where 2nd Lieut.Mills dressed his wound as well as possible placing a tourniquet above the elbow. He sat with him during the night easing the tourniquet when necessary. 2nd Lieut.Mills reports that he was quite unconcerned and cheerful and complained of no pain, but he could not be moved that night, owing to the intensity of the British and German barrage ~~etc.~~ *fire*

On morning of the 15th when he was being removed on a stretcher a shell killed one of the bearers and wounded the other and Lieut.Dridan completed the journey to the Dressing Station on foot. He probably succumbed to shock and loss of blood. He was buried in Warloy Military Cemetery. He was known as "Vic".

Reference;- 2nd Lieut.A.Mills,

50th Battn. B.Coy.

Home address;-

Alice Street

Rosewater

S.Australia.

3rd London Gen.Hospt.

Wandsworth, 18-10-16.

London
9-11-16
F.H.Way

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50th Bn.
A.I.F.,

Dridan
Lieut.G.V.

"Died of wounds."

In reply to your memo of 27th October 1916 request-
ing information of Lieut.G.V.Dridan. The deceased died from wounds
received in action, which caused complete mutilation of the left arm.
He died shortly after the operation for the removal of the destroyed
limb and was buried the next day in the Soldier's Cemetery at
Warloy, Baillon, Somme.

Cert. by letter from C.C.

15th Aust. Fld. Amb.
4th Aust. Division.
14-11-16.

London
22-11-16.

Havre

24th November 1916

50th AUSTRALIANS

DRIBBY, Hunt.

D/W. 16th Aug. 1916 Det. D & B.

Private Simons (Simonds?) stretcher-bearer in A. Co.
at present with the Battalion can give details as to
this officer's casualty.

Informant: Ste. A.B. Smith 3917
50th Australians A. Co.
No. 2 Gen. Hospital (Casino) Havre

PJM

50th Battn.
A.I.F.,

Dridan
Lieut.

"Died of wounds 16-8-16"

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He was evacuated to the Warloy Clearing Station. I do not remember the number of it, and there died of wounds. I afterwards visited his grave in the Warloy Cemetery where it is marked by an ordinary cross. We were not permitted to make any addition to the grave so had to leave it. I later recommended him to the G.O.C. for his excellent work in the trenches. I trust this will give you the information you require and I am only too glad to be of service as I felt his death very keenly, he being one of my favorite Officers.

Cert. by letter from Major. J. Herbert,
13th Training Battn.
Codford, WILTS.
23-12-16.

London
27-12-16.

27th October

The Chaplain,
13th Field Ambulance,
B. K F.

Dear Sir,

We should be most grateful for any information you can send us about Lieut G. Victor Dridan, ⁵⁰ 50th Battalion, A.I.F. who died of wounds at your Ambulance on August 16th. His people in Adelaide have cabled asking us to investigate particulars of the nature of his wounds, death and burial, ^{and} ~~as~~ we are anxious to send out all the details we can.

Apologising for troubling you, and thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

V.O

Secretary

L.A.W

Acc.
LAW.
20.11.16

DF a.3.

4th Australian Division:

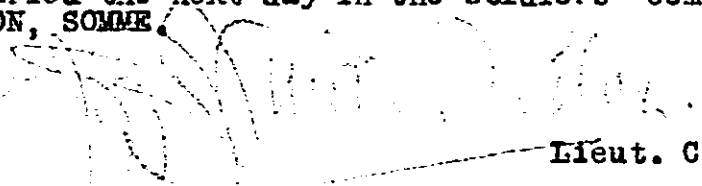
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No. 13 Australian Field Ambulance,

To: Australian Branch,

British Red Cross Society.

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Lieut. Colonel.

14th Nov. 1916.

C.O. No. 13 Aus. Fld. Ambulance.

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W. M. D. R. 1916
Lieut. Colonel.

14th Nov. 1916.

C.O. No. 13 Aus. Fld. Ambulance.

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Major Herbert
50th Austr. Infantry Batta.
B. E. Force

Adelaide
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Filing Copy.

Dear Sir
We have had from Adelaide
enquiries as to the fate of Lieut. Dridan
of the 50th Batta; who is officially
reported to have died of wounds on
August 16th. His relatives are most
desirous for details of his death -
as we have heard that you were
with him & bandaged him when he
was hit at about 8-30 P.M. on Aug. 16th.
We are writing to you asking you if you
would be so kind as to send us
any particulars that you can.

We should especially like to know to
what hospital or Casualty Clearing
Station, Lt Dridan was taken.

With apologies for troubling you in
this matter

Yours faithfully

Mount St. Yuenbridge Wells.

Regiment... Aust. Imp. Force
Informant's full name } Connor, Lieut. No. 51157

Nature of Casualty as in list... D/N. 2nd May 16/16 Details D. & B.

Date: May 5, 1916

Lieut. Connor was firing a flare light & was wounded here. They were in the trench after a second shell burst near trench saw it happen.

Cemetery at Bois Grenier - the village probably now has his name on it.

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13 SEP 1916
CARLTON HOUSE

Place & address.

Was it light or dark at the time?

Right

Medals awarded held or lost?

Was informant eye witness?

Yes

If not, who told him, and when?

Informant's full Name and No.

Roberts J. D. Pte 2435

Regiment

20th A. I. F.

Hospital

St. Kent. Hosp. Inst. Yuenbridge Wells.

Home Address

Punchbowl Road

Confield. New South Wales. Australia.

Bredau . Kreis . 50^{te} Bata.

See under

Pie . P. O . Chapple . 3776.

50^{te} Bata -

12.12.16.

ack V.M.

50th Battalion A.I.F.

D.P.W. 4.16



13th Training Bn
Codford
with
23/10/16

Dear Madam

Re your enquiry re Lieut. Dridan which has just reached me.

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Yrs sincerely

A. Nero J. Herbert.

Major
13th F.V.B.