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1647A Corporal
Andrew Edward
Forbes

49th Battalion



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A.I.F. 49th Btn
L.M.G.D. Coy.

FORBES
Cpl A.E. 1647

"killed 7-6-17"

Killed in action 7-6-17
Cert by A.I.F. Hqs 4-1-18.
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49th. Battalion. A. I. F.

Forbes. Cpl. A. E. No. 1647.

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K. June 8/17. Det. D. /B.

I saw him killed by a shell at Messines in a communication trench. He was buried in a shell hole and a temporary cross bearing his name and particulars erected over the grave. I only knew him in the company.

Description. Height. 5-7. Comp. Dark. Medium Build.

Witness. Milton. F. J. Pte. No. 2249. "D" Coy. 49th. Battalion.

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Forbes Cpl. A.E. 1647 D Coy. XIII Pln

49th A.I.F.

(K. 6th June 1917)

"I saw Forbes lying in a shell-hole, about 500 yards in front of Messines, he was badly wounded and died shortly after."

Eye witness: Yes.

Description: Known as 'Ted' very popular, no special description.

Informant: Pte. Edward Bowrke, 5702, 49th A.I.F.,
Headquarters Coy.,
Craigleith Hospital, Edinburgh.

Home address Youngerburra Cairns,
Queensland.

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A.I.F. 49.H.

FORBES, Wpl.A.E. 1647. (IMG).

K. June ⁷ 6th 1917. Dets D/B.

Cpl. Forbes was M.G.Cpl. in D.Co. He was killed in the advance at Messines ridge on June 7th about 200 yards from our objective. Capt H.Rhead got wounded and Cpl. Forbes and Sgt Major Ridgway were dressing him when another shell came over and killed all three. I saw this from about 50 yards away. They were killed outright.

Inf: Pte V.A.Hanser. 3836. D.XVI.
No. 54 Gen.Hosp.
BOULOGNE. 27.3.18.

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Dear Sir

Would you kindly oblige me by forwarding to Mr. C. Tope King Street, Lutwyche Bristol, Oxford Australia also to Mr. G. Campbell the Plough Inn, Churcham, London S.E.6.

The particulars of Corporal A. G. Forbes death Reg. No. 1647, one, six, four, seven, L. Ab. G. D. Coy 147th Trench Battalion in 13th Trench Brigade R. I. F. supposed killed on June Seventh.

Trusting you will oblige and thanking you very sincerely I am

Yours respectfully,
W. G. Kelly
3072 Trench Brigade R.I.F.

The Australian War Ancestry Society
Wounded & Missing
Enquiry Bureau
24, Victoria Street
London E.C.1

W. G. Kelly

9th January. 1916.

Mrs. Eapbridge,
The Plough Inn,
Lewisham,
LONDON, S. E.

Dear Madam,

With regard to your enquiry we regret very much to tell
you:-

1647. Cpl. A.E. Forbes, 49th. Battalion. A.I.F.

is officially reported to have been killed in action on
7. 6. 17.

His name is on our Searchers list and any information
we may receive we will at send to you.

With our deepest sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

Miss McConnell
SECRETARY.

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Mrs J. Babridge,
The Plough Inn
Levensham

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Dear Madam,

In answer to our inquiry respecting No. 1627 Corporal
A. E. Forbes, 49th Batt. A.I.F. We are informed by 2249 Pte
P. J. Milton, D. Coy, 49th Batt. A.I.F., that he saw him killed at
Messines in a communication trench. He was buried in a shell
hole, and a temporary cross bearing his name and particulars was
erected over his grave. This report is purely unofficial
and we are making further inquiries in the hope of obtaining
definite particulars, and will advise you of any further information
we obtain.

With our sincere sympathy

Yours faithfully

F. G.
Secretary

Mrs. J. Emprige,
The Plough Inn,
Lewisham, S.E.

12th April, 1918.

Dear Madam,

In answer to your enquiry for -

1647 Cpl. A.E. FORBES, 49th Battalion, A.I.F.

We regret to inform you we have received the following

unofficial information from Pte. Bourke of the same Battalion

who says :- "He saw Cpl. Forbes lying in a shell hole about, 500 yards in front of Messines, he was badly wounded and died shortly after."

Informant says he was known as "Ted" and was very popular we shall continue our enquiries and will forward any information we obtain.

With our sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

SECRETARY.

L/B

20th April, 1918.

Mrs J. Embrige,
The Plough Inn,
Lewisham.
S.E.13.

Dear Madam,

We Regret to inform you that we have received another unoffical report respecting:

1647 Cpl. A.E. Forbes, 49th Battn. A.I.F.

which confirms the evidence already sent you.

3836 Pte. V.A. Hanser, when interviewed in hospital in France recently, stated that;

"Cpl. Forbes was killed in the advance at Messines Ridge on June 7th, about 200 yards from the objective. Capt. H. Head was wounded, and Cpl. Forbes and Sgt. Major Ridgway were dressing him, when another shell came over and killed all three outright. Pte. Hanser saw this happen from about 50 yards away, but he gives no evidence about his burial.

Assuring you of our renewed sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) *F. J. George*
SECRETARY.