

Archie Fred Lidgett

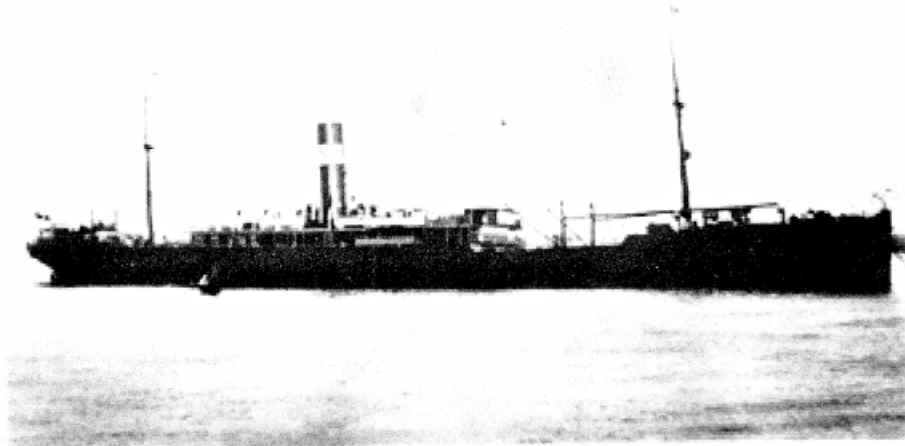


Archie Fred Lidgett was believed to have been born in 1895 at White House Farm, Springthorpe, Lincolnshire. In the 1901 British Census¹ he is shown living with his family at 64 Glentworth Road, Kexby, Lincolnshire. The family listed on the Census form are; his father Frederick aged 36, a farmer, born in Corringham; his mother Sarah Ann, aged 38, born in Ingham; sisters, Lilly aged 10, born in Heapham and Eva, aged 3, born in Kexby; and brother Cecil James, aged 2, born in Kexby. Archie Fred is listed as being 5 years old (thus stating his birth date as 1896) and born in Heapham. The '1837-1915 Birth Index lists his birth as being registered in the period July, August, and September 1895.²

Archie emigrated to Australia, in about 1914, possibly aboard a ship named the 'S.S. Commonwealth'.

¹ '1901 British Census'. National Archives

² 'Births registered in July, August and September 1895'. Ancestry.co.uk



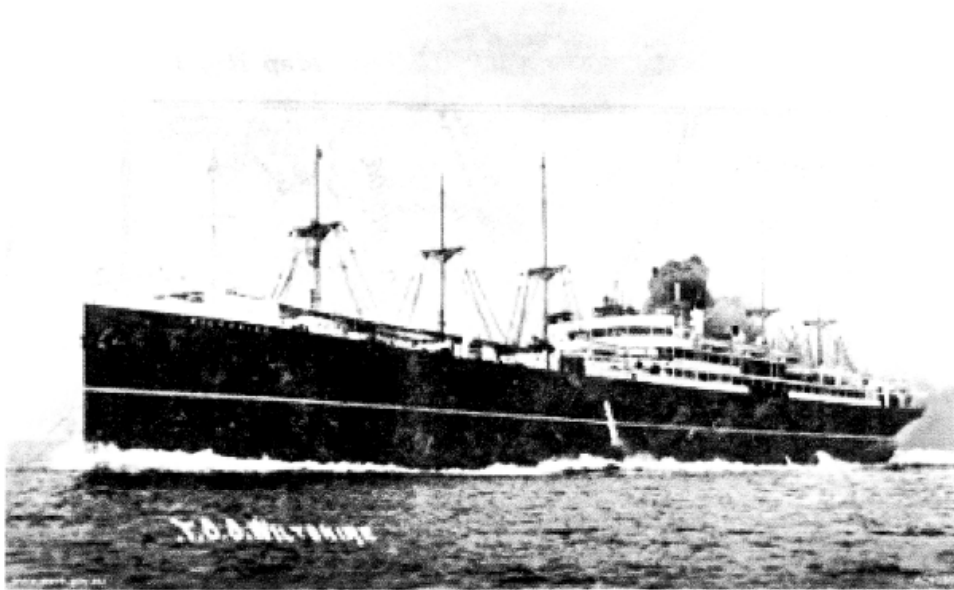
HMAT 'WILTSHIRE' (A 475) UNDER BLUE ANCHOR LINE IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Britain entered the Great War on 4 August 1914 and many of those like Archie, who had emigrated to such far flung lands as Australia and Canada, nevertheless answered the call to arms to fight on the Allied side. Archie joined the Australian Imperial Force in Melbourne, Victoria, on 3 November 1915. His Attestation documents³ help build a picture of the man.

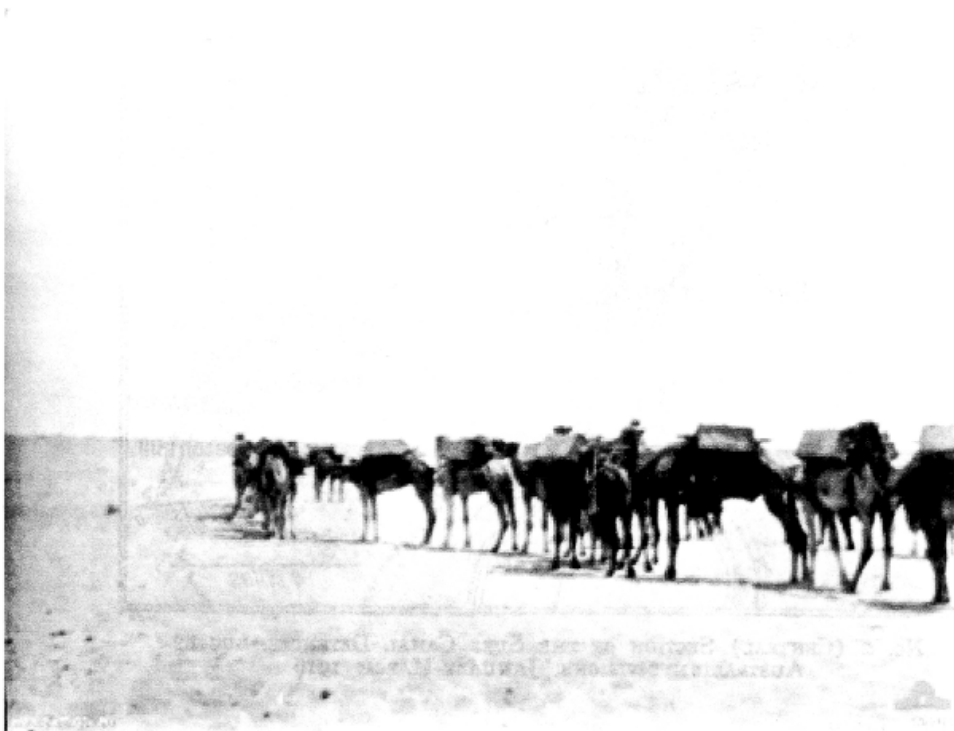
He states his age on that date as 20 years and four months, indicating that he was born in August 1895, and his trade or calling as 'Labourer'. He was 5'3" tall, weighed 9 stoned 3 pounds, with a chest measurement of 31 ½ ". He had a fresh complexion, blue eyes, brown hair, with the following distinguishing marks; a vaccination scar on his left arm, moles on the back of his neck and his head and a scar also on his head. He was considered fit at his medical examination for active service and was appointed as 4832 Private Lidgett.

Initially stationed at the 23rd Depot Battalion, Royal Park, on 11 November 1915 he was transferred to the 16th Depot Battalion at Bendigo, where he remained until 7 December 1915. Archie was then transferred to what is believed to have been the 15th Reinforcements, 7th Battalion on the 6 January 1916. On 7 March 1916 he embarked at Melbourne on HMAT 'Wiltshire' where he joined the 2nd Training battalion at Tel-el-Kebir, Egypt.

³ 'Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad'. Australian Archives



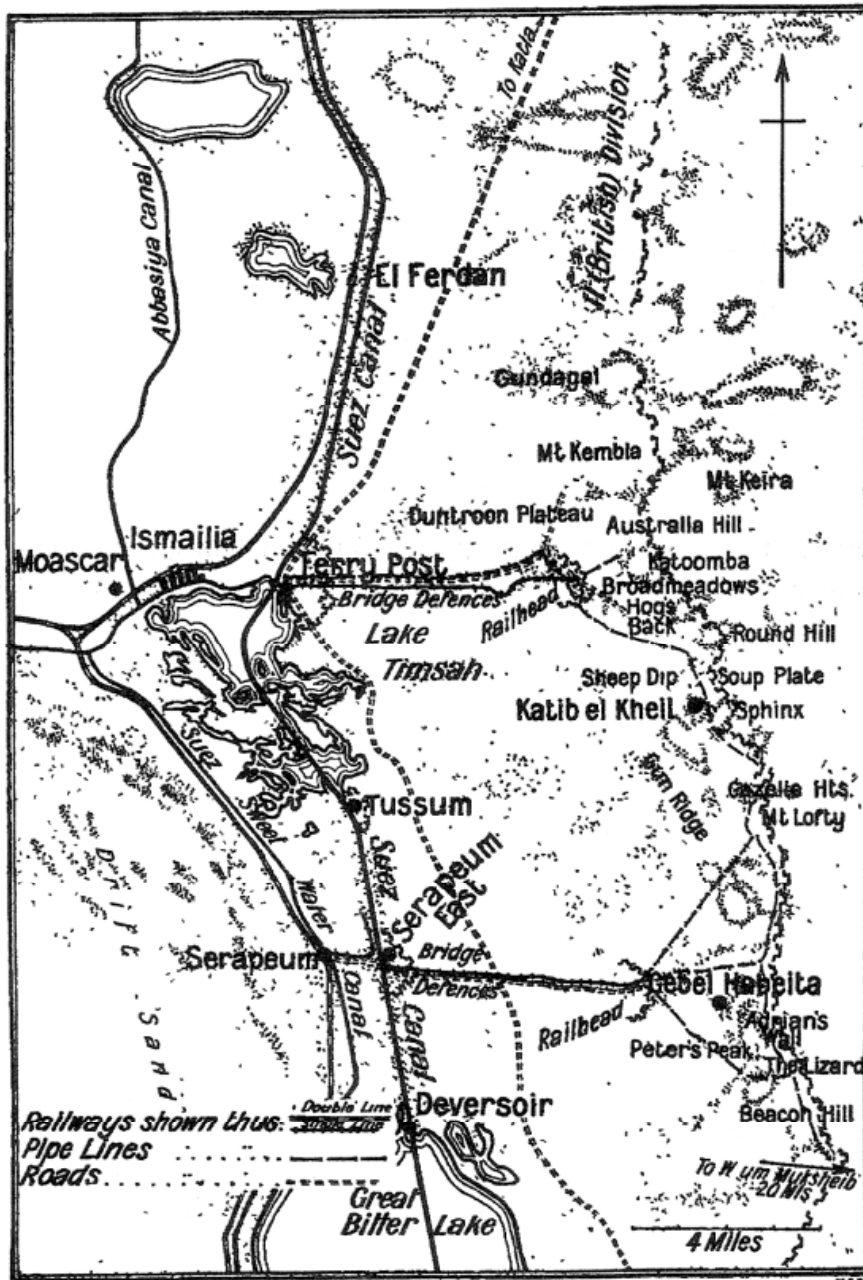
His training complete he was finally transferred to the 59th Battalion at Duntroon Plateau, an Australian post in the Sinai Desert, near the Suez Canal, on 20 April 1916.



A camel train at Duntroon Plateau⁴

⁴ Photo Australian War memorial

Map No. 1



No. 2 (CENTRAL) SECTION OF THE SUEZ CANAL DEFENCES, DUG BY AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONS, JANUARY-MARCH 1916

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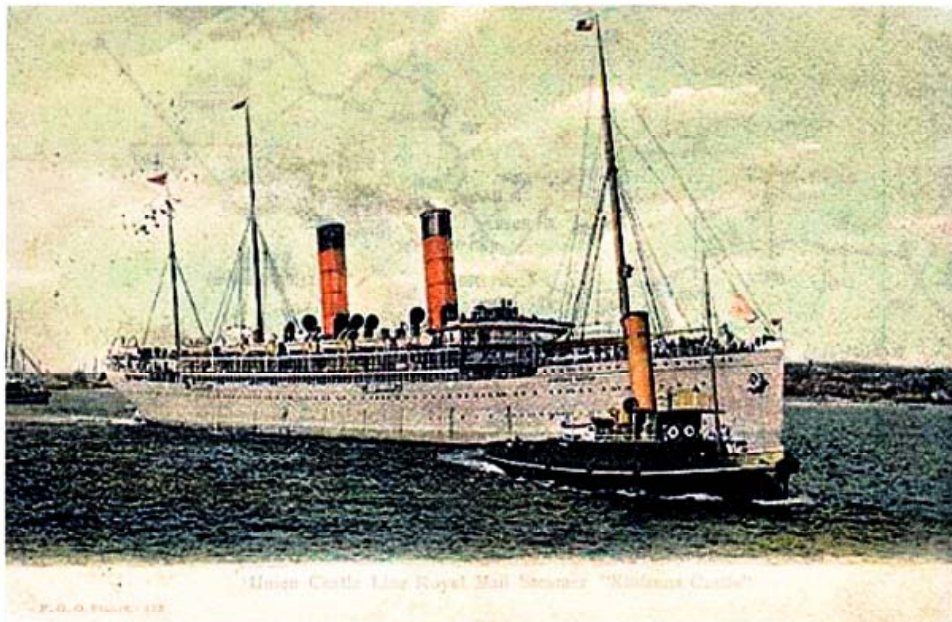
⁵ Map. 'Australian Official History Of The Great War'

Egypt⁶

The 5th Australian Division was formed in Egypt in February 1916. Major General the Honourable J.W. McCay formerly commander of the Australian 2nd Infantry Brigade, assumed command of the division on March 22.

The first "test" for the division was a training march of 40 miles (64 km) from the Anzac camp at Tel el Kebir to the Suez Canal defences, which were being maintained in expectation of a Turkish attack. McCay objected to the undertaking but nevertheless imposed strict march discipline on his men. Taking three days over soft sand and in extreme heat, the brigades suffered severely and the march was completed in disarray.

On 18 June 1916 Archie embarked to join the British Expeditionary Force [BEF] on board the 'SS Kinfauns Castle' bound for Marsailles, arriving there on 29 June 1916.

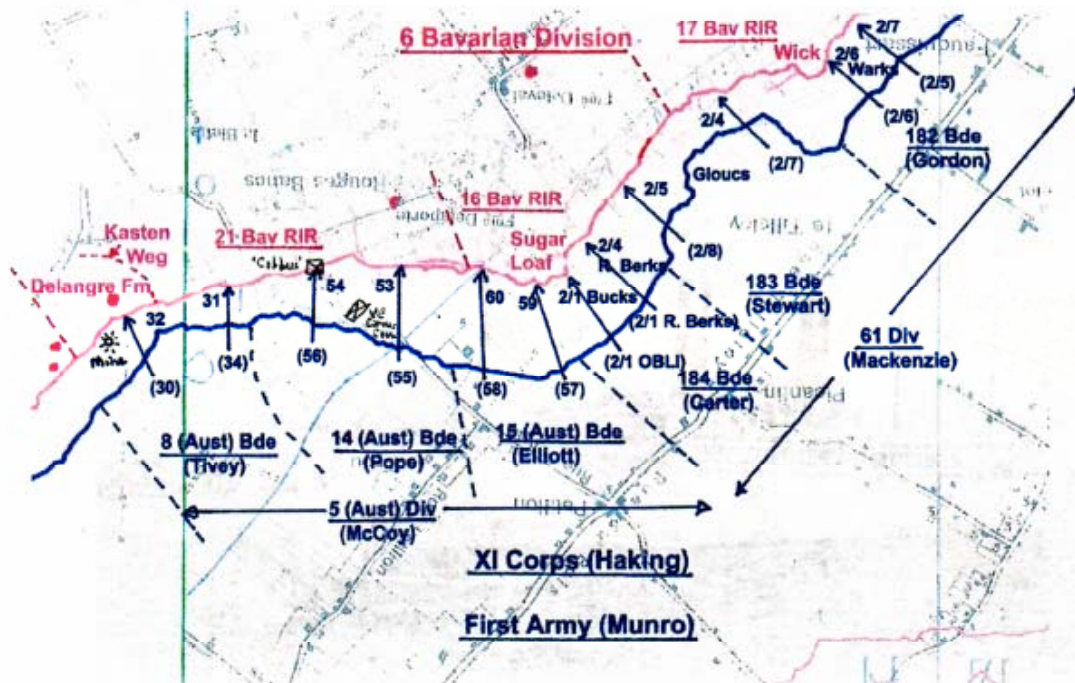


The 5th Division began arriving in France in July, the last of the four Australian divisions from Egypt to do so. The three Australian divisions of I Anzac, which had been acclimatising on the quiet sector near Armentières, had been dispatched to the Somme as reinforcements and so the 5th Division took their place at Armentières on July 12.

⁶ This account is taken from Wikipedia

]Fromelles

The result of this move was that the 5th Division, the most inexperienced of the Australian divisions in France, would be the first to see major action in the Battle of Fromelles, a week after going in to the trenches. As the Germans had been reinforcing their Somme front with troops from the north, the British planned a "demonstration" to try and pin these troops to the front. The attack was masterminded by Lieutenant - General Richard Haking, commander of the British XI Corps, which adjoined II Anzac Corps to the south. The aim was to reduce the slight German salient known as the "Sugar Loaf", north west of the German-held town of Fromelles. The 5th Division happened to be the unit facing the northern flank of the salient.



By the time the attack was ready to be launched, its purpose as a preliminary diversion to the main action at the Somme had passed; yet Haking and his army commander, General Sir Charles Monro, were keen to go ahead. At 6 pm on July 19, after 11 hours of preliminary bombardment, the 5th Division and British 61st Division attacked. The Australian 8th and 14th Brigades, attacking north of the salient, occupied the German trenches but became isolated and out-flanked. They were forced to withdraw, through withering German enfilades, by morning. The 15th Brigade and the British 184th Brigade were cut to pieces while attempting to cross no man's land.

Archie was a member of the 59th Battalion, led by Lieutenant – Colonel E.A. Harris, which was part of the 15th Brigade, commanded by Brigadier-General H.E. (Pompey) Elliott.



Brigadier-General 'Pompey' Elliot

The 8th and 14th Brigades were forced to withdraw, through withering German enfilades, the following morning. The failure was compounded when the 61st Division asked the 15th Brigade to join in a renewed attempt at 9 pm, but cancelled without informing the Australians. Consequently half of the Australian 58th Battalion made another futile, solo effort to capture the salient.

Archie was initially declared as 'Missing in Action', and was subsequently, on the 29 August 1917, listed as 'Killed in Action' by a Court of Inquiry. He was killed either in the initial attack on the German Sugar Loaf strongpoint, or in the subsequent failed attack at 9 pm.

The battle was responsible for one of the greatest losses of Australian lives in one 24-hour period, surpassed only by later World War I actions like the Battle of Bullecourt. The 5,533 Australian casualties, including 400 prisoners, were equivalent to the total Australian losses in the Boer War, Korean War and Vietnam War combined. The 5th Division was effectively incapacitated for many months afterwards. Two battalions, the 60th and the 32nd, each suffered more than 700 casualties, or more than 90% of their fighting strength and had to be rebuilt: out of 887 personnel from the 60th

Battalion, only one officer and 106 other ranks survived; the 32nd Battalion sustained 718 casualties. The attack had completely failed as a diversion when its limited nature became obvious to the German defenders. The perceived "failure" of the British 61st Division poisoned relations between the AIF divisions and the British. In its communiqués, the British GHQ passed the Battle of Fromelles off as *"some important raids"*.

It would be many months before the Australian 5th Division was serviceable again. In October the 5th Division joined the other Australian divisions in holding the line on the Somme in dreadful winter conditions.

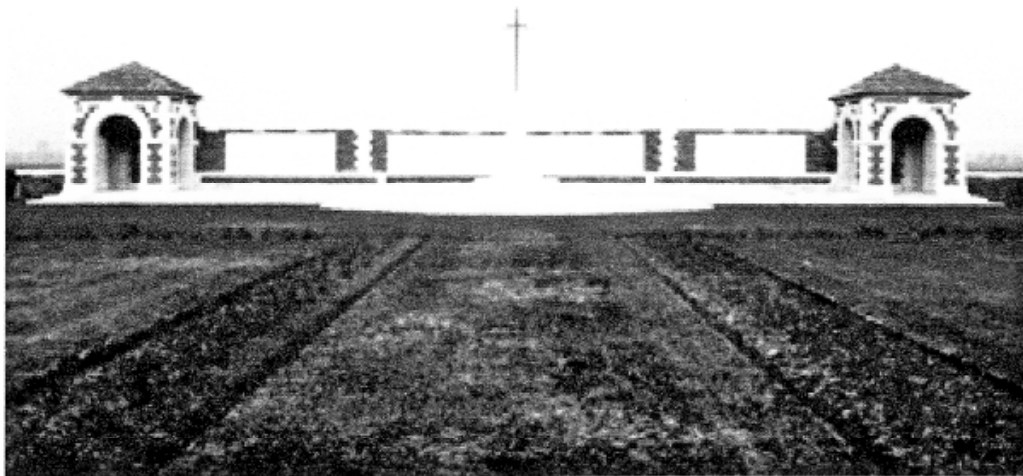
Despite his relatively short time as a soldier in the Australian Imperial Force Archie qualified for the 1915 Star, the War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The Australians informed Archie's father that his son was 'Missing in Action' and eventually that he was presumed 'Killed in Action', and eventually the family would have received a Memorial Scroll, a Death Plaque and his medals.



Private Archie Fred Lidgett is commemorated in VC Corner Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) Cemetery, Fromelles.⁷ This cemetery is the only complete Australian cemetery in France, and has no headstones. The unidentified bodies of 410 Australian soldiers are buried under two lawns, each marked with a white stone cross set into the grass. Archie's name is on the commemorative screen wall that records the names of the 1,299 Australians who died on 19/20th July 1916, during the Battle of Fromelles.

He is also commemorated on Panel 168 in the Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia and in Springthorpe, Lincolnshire



VC CWGC Cemetery Fromelles⁸

⁷ Major and Mrs Holt's 'Western Front North'

⁸ CWGC photograph

Administrative County <u>Lincolnshire</u> (Part of) The undermentioned Houses are situate within the boundaries of the																	Page 9
Civil Parish of <u>Kesby</u>		Ecclesiastical Parish of <u>Heapham, (St. James)</u> of <u>Upton, (St. Peter)</u>			County Borough, Municipal Borough, or Urban District of <u>Lincoln</u>		Ward of Municipal Borough or of Urban District of <u>Lincoln</u>		Rural District of <u>Gainsboro' (Part of)</u>		Parliamentary Borough or Division of <u>Gainsboro' (Part of)</u>		Town or Village Hamlet of <u>Kesby</u>				
No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c. and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES			Name and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	Condition as to Marriage	Age last Birthday of		PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION	Employer, Worker, or Own account	If Working at Home	WHERE BORN		(1) Deaf and Dumb (2) Blind (3) Lunatic (4) Imbecile, feeble- minded		
		In 1901	Not in 1901	Building				Males	Females								
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					Fanny do.	Daughter	S	23		do			do	do			
					Jane do.	Daughter	S	20		do			do	do			
					Hannah do.	Daughter	S	18		do			do	do			
62	do	1		3	Charles Lobley	Servant	M	25		Horse & Stockman on Farm	Worker		do	do			
					Charles Fenton	Head	M	65		Agricultural Labourer	Worker		do	do			
63	do	1		2	Ann do.	Wife	M	63					do	do			
					John Dawson	Head	M	59		General Labourer	Worker		Lines	Kesby			
					Georgina do.	Wife	M	64					do	Waddingham			
64	Glenworth Rd.	1			Elsie Fotheringham	Daughter	S	11					do	Upton			
					Frederick Lidgett	Head	M	36		Farmer	Own Acc't		Lines	Corringham			
					Sarah Ann do.	Wife	M	38					do	Ingham			
					Lily do.	Daughter	S	10	1				do	Heapham			
					Archie Fred do.	Son	S	5					do	do			
					Bra do.	Daughter	S	3					do	Kesby			
					Bevil James do.	Son	S	2					do	do			
65	do	1		4	Harvey do.	Brother	S	37		Farmer: Lincolnton Pk. Own Acc't			do	Corringham			
					Fred Wright	Head	M	36		Agricultural Labourer	Worker		Lines	Somerby			
					Alice do.	Wife	M	32					do	Milboughton			
					Arthur do.	Son	S	12					do	East Hookingth.			
					Mary Eliza do.	Daughter	S	7					do	Morton			
66	do	1			Arthur W. Orakes	Head	M	34		Farmer	Employer		Lines	Halham			
					Betsy do.	Wife	M	38					do	Reeds Beck			
					George Green	Servant	S	16		Plough Boy on Farm	Worker		Notts	Elston			
67	do	1			Elizabeth Kirkland	Head	M	55		Farmers Son	Employer		Lines	Yarborough			
					Fred O'Leary do.	Son	S	29		Farmers Son	Worker		do	Asby			
					Frederick Birch	Servant	S	21		Carter on Farm	Worker		do	Housham			
					James Baxter	Servant	S	17		Waggoner on Farm	Worker		do	Caistor			
					Sarah Jane Hofts	Servant	S	15		General Servant (Domestic)			do	Lincoln			
6	Total of Schedule of Houses and of Ten- ments with less than Five Rooms	6		3	Total of Males and of Females...			14	15								

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BIRTHS registered in July, August, and September 1895.

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LYNCH, Albert Edward H.	St. Geo. E.	1. 343	LIGHTMAN, Florence	Newton A.	5. 97	Lily	Bradford, Y.	9. 141
LATHROP, Dora	Harleyed	10. 130	LIGHTMAN, Arthur James	Plymouth	5. 269	Elie	Chertsey	7. 76
Ethel Jane	Harleyed	10. 130	Nellie Isabella W.	Newton A.	5. 97	Mary Ann	Doncaster	9. 254
LEYER, Albert William	St. Olave	1. 273	Philip Robert	Totnes	5. 118	Nellie	Louth	7. 693
LEYER, Allan Bernard	Ilmley	6. 105	Ronald Alexander	Lewisham	11. 1165	LIGHTMAN, Joseph William	Eccleall B.	9. 439
Alexander	Pontypridd	11. 516	Sydney Elliott T.	Totnes	5. 118	LILLY, Anne	Lancan	7. 569
Annie Elizabeth	Neath	11. 845	LILLY, Kungley	W. Ham	4. 354	Annie Elizabeth	Wellington	3. 169
Coburn	Pontypridd	11. 516	LIGHTMAN, Beatrice Annie	Bolton	8. 391	Annie Elizabeth	Marylebone	1. 532
Edwin Sidney	Llanelli	11. 1088	Mary Elizabeth	Chertsey	7. 76	Charles	Harleyed	10. 1252
Emlyn	North	11. 844	LILLY, Anne	Chertsey	7. 76	Christopher Edward	Harleyed	10. 1252
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**4832 Private Archie Fred Lidgett
59th Battalion Australian Imperial Force
Killed in Action at Fromelles 19 July 1916**



AUSTRALIAN



MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 4832

Name

LIDGETT Archie Fred

Unit

15th Reinf 7th Batta

Joined on

3.11.15 15R 7Bn Pte

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name?

Lidgett Archie Fred

2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born?

2. In the Parish of Lincolnshire in or near the Town of England in the County of England

3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalised Subject? (N.B. If the latter, papers to be produced.)

3. that born British Subject

4. What is your age?

4. 20 years 4 months
Latent

5. What is your trade or calling?

5. No

6. Have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom and for what period?

6. No

7. Are you married?

7. No

8. Who is your next of kin? (Add one to be stated)

8. Father
Fred Lidgett
Springthorpe Fairborough
Lincolnshire England

9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power?

9. No

10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incurable and Unfit, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy?

10. 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.

11. No Reg 16.7 (1895)

12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service?

12. Yes

13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds?

13. 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 in respect of your marriage beyond an amount which together with pay would reach eight shillings per day?

14. No

15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever?

15. Yes

Archie Fred Lidgett 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 allow 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 with and children.

Date 3-11-15

Archie Fred Lidgett
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.

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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 3-11-15

J B Churchill
Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.*

3. Archie Fred Lidgett swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from 3-11-15 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 F Lidgett
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Melbourne in
the State of Victoria
this Third day _____ of
November 1915, before me—

J B Churchill
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 initialed by the Attesting Officer.

Description of Lidger Archie Fred on Enlistment.

Age 20 years 4 months
 Height 5 feet 3 inches
 Weight 92 lbs
 Chest Measurement 35 1/2
 Complexion Fresh
 Eyes Blue
 Hair Brown
 Religious Denomination C of C

DISTINCTIVE MARKS

Scar 7 L Arm
Moles B of neck
" L C Chest
" of Head
Scar " "

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; hemorrhoids; varicose veins, beyond a limited extent; marked varicocele with unusually pendulous 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 18/10/15

Place Jarrom Jarrom

Sgt Crook

W. E. Adams
 Signing Medical Officer.

CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER

I certify that the Attestation of the above-named person is correct, and that the required forms have been supplied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him

to 15th Rein^t 7th Battl.

Date 18/10/15

Place Wadine down

W. E. Adams
 Commanding 157 R/Co

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Name _____

Legett Archi Fred

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

Statement of Service of No. 4832

Name

Lidgett Archie Fred

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
23 rd Depot Bn Royal North		11/4/15		Transferred to
15 th Depot Battalion 13 '80			7/12/15	Bendigo
157 th R. Fls Moorooduc	Quartermaster	27/12/15	6.1.16	24th to 15 th Reinf 7 th Battalion
15R 7Bn	Pte	6/1/16	19416	
59 th Battalion	"	20.4.16		Transferred BR 6/31 also to 15 th Reinf

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

FIELD SERVICE

Army Form B. 2090A.

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 OR CORPS: 59th INFANTRY BATTALION AIF Squadron, Troop, or Battery or Company: _____

Regimental No. 4832 Rank Private

Surname L I D G E T T Christian Names Archie Fred.

Died { Date 19th July, 1916 Place "In the Field" France
Cause of Death* KILLED IN ACTION

Nature and Date of Report COURT OF ENQUIRY convened by Commanding Officer 59th
Battalion A.I.F. held in the Field France on 29th
August, 1917.
By whom made _____

* 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.

State whether he leaves a Will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Will not receive (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.

ANZAC SECTION. 3rd ECHELON G.H.Q.

Station British Expeditionary Force General's Office Adjutant-General's Office at the Base
Date 26th September, 1917.

O. i/c Records.

Army Form B. 103

59th INFANTRY BATTALION A.I.F. Regimental Number...4832.....

Casualty Form—Active Service.Regiment or Corps...~~15th Rste Bde 24th Batta~~ 59th Battalion A.I.FRank Private Surname...LIDGETT... Christian Name...Archie Fred....

Religion..... Age on Enlistment.....years.....months

Enlisted (a) 3.11.15 Terms of Service (a)..... Service reckons from (a)...3.11.15.....

Date of promotion to present rank..... Date of appointment to lance rank.....

Extended { } Re-engaged { } Qualification (b).....
or Corps Trade and Rate.....

Occupation..... Signature of Officer.....

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 of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or other official documents
Date	From whom received				
		Embarked ...			
		Disembarked...			
21.4.16	C.O. 59th Bn	Taken on strenght 59th Bn	Duntroon Plateau	20.4.16	AL1059 B213 DO 8/3100
18.6.16	O.C.Troops	Embarked to join B E F on "Kinfauns Castle"	Alexandria	18.6.16	AP9070
29.6.16	do	Disembarked at	Marseilles	29.6.16	LR 5959
28.7.16	C.O. 59th Bn	MISSING	FRANCE	19.7.16	AQ1816 B213 V.L. 54 DO20/5839
29.8.17	Court of Enquiry	KILLED IN ACTION	FRANCE	19.7.16	19/575/13 VL. 460 of 5.9.17 DO.36/5743
ANZAC SECTION. 3rd ECHELON G.H.Q. British Expeditionary Force.					Captain. O. 1/c Records.



Roll of Honour - Archie Fred Lidgett

Archie Fred Lidgett

Service number: 4832

Rank: Private [Pte]

Unit: 59th Battalion (Infantry)

Service: Army

Conflict: 1914-1918

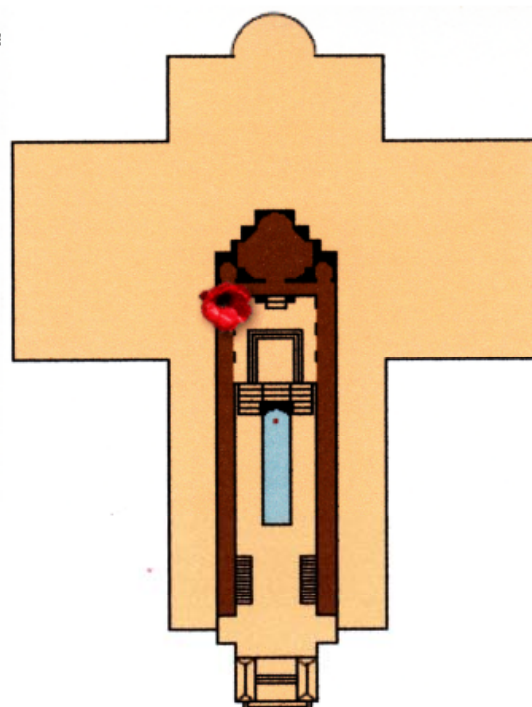
Date of death: 19 July 1916

Cause of death: Killed in action

Cemetery or memorial details: VC Corner Australian Cemetery Memorial, Fromelles, France

War Grave Register notes: LIDGETT, Pte. Archie Fred, 4832. 59th Bn. Killed in action 19th July, 1916. Age 21. Son of Fred and Sarah Ann Lidgett, of Springthorpe, Gainsborough, Lincs, England. 17.

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



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Location on the Roll of Honour

Archie Fred Lidgett's name is located at **panel 168** in the Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial (as indicated by the poppy on the plan).