

187/41

No. 1375 Sergeant
DYSON Francis Wilfred Holt

5th Divisional Ammunition Cpl.

24/4/18

Killed in action

Mr. E. Dyson,

Particulars Required for the Roll of Honour of Australia in the Memorial War Museum.

1. Name (in full) of Fallen Soldier *Francis Wilfrid, Holt-Dyson. (A.I.F.)*
2. Unit and Number (if known) *1373-5th Australian Field Artillery S.D.A.C.*
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) *Kanagaderra Spring District, Craigieburn P.O. State Victoria, Australia*
4. What was his Birthplace *Strassenhof, Riga, Prussia.*
5. Date of Death *April 24th 1918.* *Military Cemetery*
6. Place where Killed or Wounded *on the Somme, Buried at Bonny, England.*

Particulars Required for the Nation's Histories.

1. What was his Calling *Mechanical, and Mining Engineer*
2. Age at time of Death *36 years.*
3. What was his School *St Edwards School, Oxford, England.*
4. What was his other Training *none.*
5. If born in Britain or Abroad, at what age did he come to Australia *about ~~20~~ 26 years*
6. Had he ever served in any Military or Naval Force before Enlisting in the A.I.F. (Please state particulars) *1902*
South African Mounted Police, South African War (From 1899 to,
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)— *Not known*

to both parents dead

9. Name and Address of the Parent or other person giving this information—

Name *Major & Mrs Walter Rowley.*

Relationship to Soldier *Uncle and Aunt.*

Address *Alden-Hill, Meanwood, Leeds, Yorkshire, England.*

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 Secretary, Department of Defence, Melbourne. Please fold in four, and stick down gummed flap so that the addressed portion is outside. The information is required urgently.

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For Nation's History -

7. Francis Wilfrid Holt Dyson, was born at Strassenhof, Riga, Russia, his mother died nine days after his birth. - The child was immediately brought to England by the stewardess of a ship, the only English woman available, accompanied by the child's father, William Dyson, and handed to its uncle & aunt, Major & Mrs Walter Rowley, by the express ~~of~~ dying wish of the baby's mother, (Mrs Walter Rowley being her sister.) These caring for him all his life & educating him, as a child he was considered one of the most beautiful children ever seen, grew up a charming & fascinating boy. - at the age of 17, paid a visit to Russia, & on the outbreak of the Boer War, S. Africa, immediately went into military training in Russia, came to England, was accepted by the authorities, went to Capetown & joined the Mounted Police. - He remained in S. Africa for a time, married there his wife dying shortly after the birth of his little daughter when "History repeating itself" he also brought his child over to England, to his aunt & uncle, Major & Mrs Walter Rowley, great-aunt & uncle to his child, who are bestowing the same loving care on her, as he received. This child is now 14 years old, & is now at one of the best boarding schools in England, Queen Margaret's School, Scarborough, Head Mistress, Miss Fowler - formerly of South Africa, where she was Head of the best school for girls in that country.

signed, Mary Rowley.

