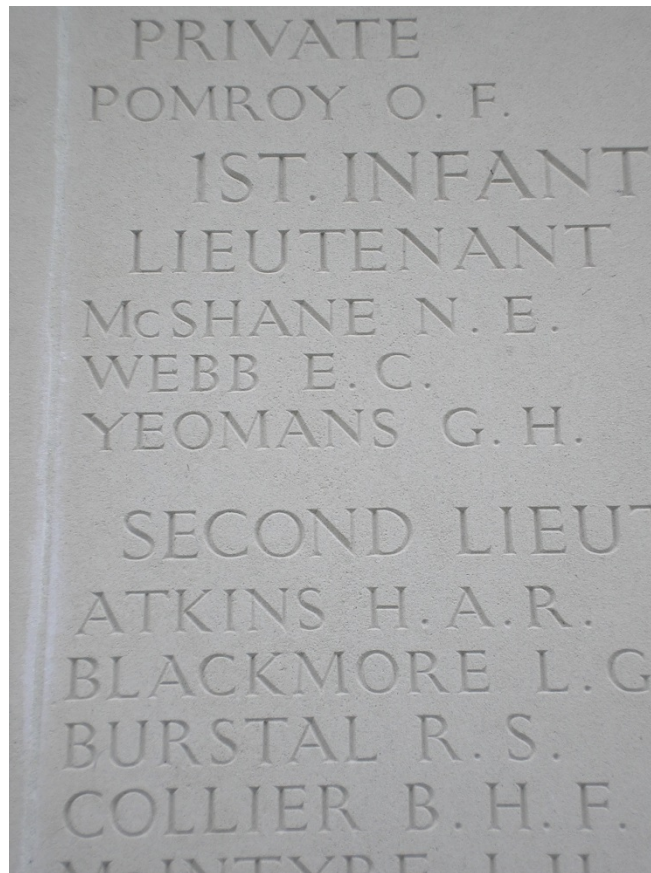


YEOMANS, Geoffrey Heron



Villers-Bretonneux Memorial, France
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Geoffrey Heron Yeomans stated he was born in Brewarrina, NSW, when he enlisted but his birth was registered at Woollahra, Sydney, to parents Allan and Margaret in 1891. He arrived at Hawkesbury aged 16 in January 1907 and undertook Special Courses until the end of 1908, gaining the Buttermaking, Milk and Cream Testing Certificate in December. In October 1914, aged 23, he volunteered with the 6th Light Horse. He served on Gallipoli where he received shrapnel wounds to his right arm in May 1915 and was treated in Malta, returning to the Gallipoli Peninsula in August and serving until the end of the year. Embarking from Alexandria in late March 1916 he rejoined his unit in mid-April in France. He had ten days furlough in late May, immediately following his father's death, then was killed on the night of July 22 prior to the attack on Pozieres somewhere near the chalk pit at Contalmaison. Aged 25, notes in his Service Record file indicate he was buried at Pozieres British Cemetery, which today holds 251 unidentified Australian burials. A photo of his grave was sent to his family in March 1920. He is commemorated on the Villers-Bretonneux Memorial, France.