

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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456 Private
Cecil Bott

12th Machine Gun Company



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A.I.F. 12th M.G.C.

BOTT(HQ)
not BETT
C. 456

"K/Action"

Died of wounds 18-10-17
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs list 27-3-18.

London
27-3-18

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A.I.F. 12th M.G.Coy

BOTT(HQ)
not BETT
Cecil 456

"K/Action"

No trace in Bn
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs list 30-4-18

Died of wounds at 17th C.C.S. - S.W.Head & skull 18-10-17, unoff:
burial held.

Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 6-5-18.

London
7-5-18

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A.I.F. 12th Machine Gun Coy.

BOTT
Cecil 456.

KILLED in ACTION

Re 456 Pte Cecil Bott 12th Machine Gun Coy., A.I.F., He was admitted into this Station suffering from a severe shell wound of the Head and in a critical condition. His condition gradually became worse, and it is with regret I have to inform you of his death, which occurred at 5.45 a.m. on the morning of the 18/10/17 as a result of this wound. He was buried the same day in the Soldiers' Cemetery near to this Hospital, his grave being duly marked and registered.

Letter from:- O.C., No. 17 C.C.S.,
France.

London
17/5/18.

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12th M.G.C.
A.I.F.

BOTT.
C. 456.

"Died of Wounds" 18-10-17.

He was a mate of mine and was alongside me in a support trench at Wylschatte at about 6 a.m. one day in Oct 1917. He was going to carry ammunition with me to the front line. He stood up and was hit in the temple with shrapnel. He died at the A.D.S. about 3 kilos back three days later. His name was Charlie. He came from Melbourne and was the only Bott in Co.

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Informant:- Pte C.R. Stevensen.
12th M.G.C. A.I.F.
HAREFIELD.

A.G. Campbell.
London.
3-6-18.

B.

O.C. Draft.

8.5.18.

The O.C.

17th Cav. Co. Sta. B.E.T.

455. P. Cecil Bott.

D. of 10.18

12th Inf. Coy. A.I.F.

10.17

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Byd Pioneers

4.1.18.

J.A. LAW
2835

Killed 5-6-17

Law was killed at Messines by a shell which killed him outright. This was common knowledge at the time. I was told he was buried on the field, and grave marked with a small Cross and identity disc. I can't give any reference to anyone.

Informants

Searchers note:

Not impressed with his knowledge as to burial, though he seemed confident. I think he was making a general assertion.

W. A. Rand

London:
3-5-18.

P.I.

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Secretary

Australian Red Cross Society
London

In reply to your enquiry regarding
the late Pte C. Bott A.I.F.

He was admitted into this
Station suffering from a severe
shell wound of the head and
in a critical condition.

His condition gradually became
worse and it is with regret I have
to inform you of his death which
occurred at 3.45 am on the morning
of the 18.10.17, as a result of this
wound.

He was buried the same
day in the Soldiers' Cemetery near
to this Hospital his grave being
duly marked and registered.

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15/18.

For the
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Tel: VICTORIA (8576
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ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO BE ADDRESSED TO

"THE SECRETARY,"

WOUNDED AND MISSING
— ENQUIRY BUREAU —

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.



AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

36, GROSVENOR PLACE.

LONDON S.W. 1.

456. Private Cecil Bott. 13th Machine Gun Coy. A.I.F.

*The Officer Commanding
17th Casualty Clearing Station. B.E.F.*

8.5.18.

Dear Sir,

We have been asked by the relatives in Australia to obtain the fullest details possible of the wounds, death and burial of the above, who died in your Hospital on *18.10.17.* and would greatly appreciate any information that you may send us.

As we have been informed by various G.O.'s and Adjutants that the receipt of notes of thanks only causes them unnecessary inconvenience, unless you ask us to acknowledge your reply to the above we will not do so, and trust that you will understand that we appreciate it none the less.

With apologies for troubling you,

Yours faithfully,,

(Miss) Vera Deakin

Secretary.

7.8.18.