

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**2306 Trooper
Errol Roland Boughton**

1st Light Horse



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MED.

Boughton Trpr
2306

N. 9.8.16. Details.

1 A.L.H. Boughton

"He was lying down next to me, firing, when a bullet at long range hit him in the upper part of the head. He became unconscious at once, suffering no pain, and died in three minutes. He was buried on the following day. He was probably a late reinforcement. was transferred to us from C Squad, I think."

(Several other men of the Regt. were questioned. They knew of Boughton's death but had no personal acquaintance with him, and all referred me to Sgt. Broome, as the best authority. There is a rumour that Boughton had a friend called Lees or Leigh in the Squad who took charge of his prayer book &c after he was killed and has himself been wounded or killed subsequently.)

Reference Sgt. Broome, 241, 1 A.L.H. B Coy,
Montazah Hospital, Alexandria.

E.M. Forster
6.9.16.

(Killed in Action 9.8.16.)

Boughton 2306

1 L.H.

"Personally I knew very little of the lad as he had only joined the regiment a few days prior to his death. I have made enquiries and can give you the following details:-
1. He fell during the action at Bir-el-Abd. A bullet took him full in the forehead and he died without a murmur.
2. He is buried where he fell just on the crest of a rise. His comrades erected a small cross bearing his name and number.
3. All his letters, photos and his prayer book were handed to his chum Chas Lee who comes from the same town. Lee was last heard of at D Ward, 31st A.C.H. Port Said."

Reference: Letter from Trp Edwin Leese, A Squadron,
1 A.L.H.R. E.E.F. dated 24.9.16. rec'd 2.10.16.

Alexandria
2.10.16.

A.I.F.
1st L.H.Rgt.

BOUGHTON.
Cpr. Errol Roland. 2306

Killed in Action

Buried Battlefield towards Bir-el-Abd by H.K.Gordon.
Cert. by Hqs list 8.7.19.

London.
15.7.19.

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