

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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2857 Driver
Stanley Victor Dalkeith
Bowd

15th Field Ambulance



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15th Aust Fld Amb.

BOWD.
S.V.D. 2857.Dvr.

"Killed in Action 10-8-18"

I saw Dvr Bowd. killed by a shell close to me on August 10 1918 near Villiers Bretonneux. I was wounded by the same shell. I have since had a letter from a mate saying they took his body back to Blangy (near Villiers Bretonneux) and buried it in the Military Cemetery there. The ground was held.

Eye-Witness:- Yes.

Description:- Fair, about 5ft 10.

Home address:-

Bradwood.

H.S.Wales.

Informant:- Rogers, Edwin. 6167.L/Sgt (V. Intell)
15th Aust. Fld Amb.

Military Hospital.
DEVONPORT.

V.A. Rudge.

London.

8-10-18.

M.I.S.

Note:- Written at L/Cpl Greenwood. 4-10-18.

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A. A. M. C.

Bowd S. V. D. 2857.
Pte-Farrier.

K Aug 10/18 Det D/B.

I saw him killed by a shell while leaning over packing his gear in the waggon prior to moving off to an advanced dressing station, at Blangy Tronville; he was killed instantly at about 2 p.m. He is buried in the Australian Cemetery near Blangy Tronville on the main Villiers Bretonneux road and a durable cross erected. He came away with the 5th Field Ambulance from Sydney; I knew him in Egypt and liked him well

6878 Pte Lawrence T. S., A. A. M. C.

Dartford, 8/10/18.

N. B. P.

J. H.

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A.A.M.C. 15th Fld. Amb. BOWD, S. V. D. 2857.

K. Aug. 10th, 1918.

I didn't see Driver Bowd killed instantly at Warfuses, Abancourt, by a h.e. shell about 11 or 12 o'clock mid-day on 10th Aug. He and Dvr. Foster were hit by the same shell, but the latter lived for an hour or so. We were marching back from Harbonnieres and arrived just after Foster died, and I saw Bowd's body, and saw him buried next day at Austral Cemetery near Blangy.

They were some distance behind the lines and near an A.D.S. Bowd was hit in the chest, jaw, and arm. His mate, Pte. C. R. Adamson, has written home telling his people about his death, and also cabled home through Commonwealth Bank some money he had on him. Bowd came from N.S.W. Sydney, well built fellow, about 5ft 10, great Rugby football player, 26 - 28 years old.

Inf. Pte. E. J. Goodall, 8843, 15 Fld. Amb.
1st S. African Hospital,
Abbeville. 4.10.18. HER.

*S. A.
P. R. Adamson written to*

Hevre,

2nd, October 1918.

A, A, M, C, 15,

Bowd, S, V, D, 2857.

K, August 10/1918, Dets, D/B,

I knew him well. He was secretary, of a football club at Crowsnest, Sydney. He was farrier of the 15th, F. Amb, and was with two other men when he got killed. He was just inside, the gates of the place where the billet was, near Villers Bretonneux, when a shell came over from a long-distance gun. I was just coming out of the line, and one of the Orderlies who knew him well, and came from the same place in Australia, told me that Bowd had just been killed. He was buried in the same place in a cemetery there. The Orderly's name is Private, Saunders, 15th, F. Amb, A.A.M.C. Bowd was fairly tall, about 55 or 56, fair haired, and clean shaven. There was another friend of his who was with Bowd when he was killed, who comes from the same place. Driver Charlie Adamson, 15th, F. Amb, A.A.M.C.

*Written Saunders +
Adamson
4.10.18
RCH*

Inf:- W. Mc Gregor, No. 8740.
8th, Australian F. S. Amb.
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WCH

m. J. S.

15th Fld.Amb.
A.I.F.

BOWD
S.V.D. 2857

"Killed in Action 10-8-18"

Re 2857 Dvr. Stanley Victor Dalkeith Bowd, 15th Fld.Amb.
He was killed on 10-8-18 by a H.E. shell in the village of Warfusse
on the main Amiens St. Quentin road, 5 kilos east of Villers-
Bretonneux. As we were coming out of the line 2 days later
we brought his body back to a little village or hamlet called
Blangy le Petit, 5 kilos west of Villers-Bretonneux, on the
above mentioned road, where we buried him with another Dvr. and
a Capt. who had been killed in the same stunt. The Cemetery is
known as the Austral Cemetery, right on the roadside going from
Amiens to St. Quentin. A wooden Cross was erected to his memory
and I understand that his grave is tended by a French family
living in the neighbourhood, with whom he had made friends.
He was a little above medium height, and rather broad, and athletic
build, with fair complexion and rather sharp features.

Letter from:- Greenwood. R.E.,
15th Fld.Amb.,
FRANCE. 16-10-18

London
25-10-18
D.W.B.

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15th Fld.Amb.
A.I.F.

BOWD
Dvr. S.V.D. 2857

"KILLED 10-8-18"

Bowd was killed at Warfusse Ablincourt on the 10th Aug.
We were coming out of the line at Warfusse and saw him after he
was killed by a high explosive shell. His death was instantaneous
and he was buried near Blangy in the Austral. Cemetery. I was
at the funeral. Christian name Dalkeith. No other of same name
in Coy. or Battn. He was thick-set. Known as "Keith".
The ground was held.

Informant - Goodall. Pte. R. 8843

Home Address:-
Bowen Street
Chatswood
Sydney.

(very Intelligent)
15th Fld.Amb.
Ford Hospital
PLYMOUTH.

F.A. Wyatt
Oct. 18-18
London
30-10-18
J.E.A.

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15th Field Ambulance.

Bowd S. V. D. 2857.
Driver.

K Aug 10/18 Det D/B.

I was at his funeral at a little farm out of Warfursees. He was killed in the horse lines at Warfurse by a shell which landed just beside him. His body was carried about ten miles back in an Ambulance. There was a durable wooden cross erected and the 15th Field Ambulance also put up a good cross.

Refer to Private Adamson, 15th Field Ambulance.

9606 Private Cranth G. 15th Field Ambulance.

Dartford 22/10/18.

N. B. P.

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A.A.M.C. 15.A.

HOWD, S.V.D. 2857.

K. Aug. 10th 1918.

On Aug. 10th at Warfusse, Abancourt I saw him just after he had been hit in the head and shoulder when leaning against one of the wagons - he was killed outright, and I know was buried at the Australian Cemetery in the Main Villers Bretonneux Road. About 5ft 9, medium build, age 26, came with the 5th Wld. Amb.

Inf: Pte. C. Felton. 5502.

Billets,

BOULOGNE. 21.10.18. ARD

Note: Cpl. Geyder, 4729, standing by said he had seen the grave, it was fixed up very nicely - French people with whom Howd had made friends giving it particular care.

15th Fld.Amb.
A.I.F.

BOWD
Dvr.S.V.D. 2857

"Killed 10-8-18"

Dvr.S.V.D.Bowd was placing a pack in a Maltese cart when a shell burst and killed him instantly, also another Dvr. and wounded a Sgt. at Arfusie, the other side of Villers-Bretonneux. His mates have written home to give all details to his people. Dvr.Court, 15th Aust.Fld.Amb., now in France, (Bowd's great pal) could give full details.

Informant. Johnston. Sgt.W.R. 3005(intelligent
Home address:- 15th Fld.Amb. 15th Coy.,
Millet Street, Lockhampton Hpl.,
Hurstville,
Sydney, N.S.W.

J.W.Mott
28-9-18
London
18-10-18
M.I.S.

Note:- Written Court 12-10-18.

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15th. Fld Amb.

K. 10/8/18.

Bowd, S.V.D. 2857.

We were marching up to Warfusie when a shell burst killing Bowd outright. I attended his funeral at Blangy-Tronville. and saw the cross on the grave.

15th. Fld Amb.

Whittens, W.H. Pte. 19134.

A. 15. Dartford. 10/10/18.

R.D.B.

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15th Fld Amb.
A.I.F.

BOWD.
S.V.D. 2857.Dvr.

"Killed in Action 10-8-18"

Driver Bowd. 15th Fld Amb. (known to me as Keith Bowd) was killed on the village Warfusee Abancourt(?) on 10-8-18. The village was being shelled by a long range gun and one of these shells fell into our waggon lines, killing two men, of whom Bowd was one. Death was instantaneous, for he was badly hit in face and chest. Our Amb car brought Bowd and two others including Capt Wilson, and all were buried together in a little cemetery between Villers Bretonneux and Amiens. The ground was held.

Eye-Witness:- No.

Description:- Tall, well built, fine stamp, nickname "Keith"

Home address:-

Baltina. Informant:- Ferris. Thos Richmond. 8888.Pte.

Richmond River. N.S.W. 15th Fld Amb: C.Section.

Alexandra Hospital.

COSHAM.

(Information given with intelligence and without hesitation.

E. Burrell.

London.

16-10-18. M.I.S.

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Army Medical Corps, A.I.E.
15 Field Amb. (Late 5 Field Amb.)

BOWD, S.V.D. D.R. No. 2857

"Killed 10/8/18."

I know Bowd in the 15th Field Ambulance, and I know he had been in the 5th Field Ambulance; he was called "Ban", and was a Driver. He was killed instantly by a shell, whilst in the horse lines in August last, near Warfusse-la-Motte, just on the other side of Villars Bretonneux on the Peronne Road. I did not see it happen, but was told about it at the time - the same night - among others Driver Giddy - Bowd's Farrier Sergeant - was severely wounded, and passed through our Dressing Station, and that was how I came to hear about Bowd. Driver Giddy is still with the 5th Field Ambulance.

Informant - Reg. Sgt. Major A. Geddes, No. 92,
5th Field Ambulance, Army Medical
Corps.
Home Address - Tenterden Rd., Botany.

H.S.O.
Anzac Furlough,
Rawson Chambers,
23/12/18.

SECRET BUREAU

A.I.F. 15th Field Amb.
late 5th Field Amb.

BOWD.
Stanley Victor Dalkeith.
2857.

Killed in Action. 10.8.18.

Re-buried Villers Bretonneux Military Cemetery. 62D.O.17.c.4.3.
Plot 10, Row A, Grave 3.
Cert by Capt. Spedding's List 15.8.19. Sheet 179

NAME

RANK

COMPANY

NUMBER OF OFFICER

London.
2.10.19.

S.

V A N D E R B I L T

COURTESY

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Brit Saunders

157th Amb.

A.M.C.

A.I.F.

Libert

2857 M.S. V.G. Bond

157th Amb.

A.M.C.

A.I.F.

K Aug 10/18

Written 11. 10. 18

M & S

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HOSPITAL *University Southampton*

Fill in exactly as List.	SURNAME.	Christian Name.	INFORMATION	
	<i>Stubbs</i>	<i>J.D.</i>	Regtl.No.	Rank
			<i>2402</i>	

SURNAME	Christian Name.	GIVEN	
<i>Eather</i>	<i>W. J.</i>	Regtl.No.	Rank
			<i>Sgt</i>

STATEMENT OF

NOTE.

In all cases state fully what informant says he saw or heard and give DATE AND PLACE of occurrence.

I saw *Stubbs* body at *Aubi* behind the lines - He is *outright* - The ground is *certainly* be buried but I

PLEASE ALSO ANSWER

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1. Was Informant Eye-Witness? <i>yes of body -</i> | 2. If not, give of the |
| 3. Was the ground <i>Field</i> held or lost? <i>Field</i> | 4. If Informant (a) was dead (b) was the |
| 5. Did Informant know Christian Name, Initials or No. of man enquired about? | 6. Was there name in |
| 7. Give Informant's description of man enquired about—any nickname, marks, scars, etc. | |
| 8. Searcher's opinion of Informant's accuracy and intelligence | |

Reports should always be written very clearly in ink, or typewritten.

To

Driver Charlie

Adams

15 Hld Amb.

A.M.C.

A.I.F.

About

2857 P.S. V. Bowd

15 Hld Amb.

A.M.C.

A.I.F.

K Aug 10/18

Written 11.10.18

MES

FRONT France

K.D.R. - V. 1254

ION AS TO		Battalion and Regiment.		Co.	Pla- toon	Casualty.
Rank	34 A.I.F.	B	VIII	K may 1918 bet by 17/18		
BY		Battalion and Regiment.		Co.	Pla- toon	Home Address.
Rank	34 A.I.F.	B	VII	Alvacott Peak Hill NSW		

OF INFORMANT

(in first person).

Killed in front of a gap in the
front about 11.45 pm on 6 way to
line by Jack Herring B Co VIII platoon
on leave. both he and Shearnon
N.S.W.

P. 1.

C. 5. 11

FOR THE FOLLOWING :

give name, number, etc.,
the man who told him.

Informant says a man was killed,
death instantaneous, and was
body buried, and if so where?

Were any other man of same
in Co. or Battalion?

Signature of
Searcher

Date of Report

Ed. Layly P.M.O.

17. 9. 1918

To
Dr Court
15 Hld Amb. Co.
A. I. F

about

2857 Dr S. V. & D. Bowd
15 Hld Amb. Co.
A. I. F

K 10.8.18

Written 12.10.18
MRS

RECEIVED

HOSPITAL

3- Southern General, The Terrace, New

Fill in exactly as List.	SURNAME. Robinson	Christian Name. R.H.	INFORM Regtl.No 17441
	SURNAME Dowd	Christian Name. Clarence	GI Regtl.No 18524

NOTE.

In all cases state fully what informant says he saw or heard and give DATE AND PLACE of occurrence.

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was told by Pte Richard Jenner
Pte Dick Robinson (10702 Amb)
Sector. They were out working
carrying in wounded men.
Pte Robinson was badly wounded
later at the D.S. I am
he was buried."

STATEMENT

(to be taken)

1. Was Informant Eye-Witness?	no	PLEASE ALSO ANSWER	2. If
3. Was the ground held or lost?	"I was not there"		4. If
5. Did Informant know Christian Name, Initials or No. of man enquired about?	Dick		6. Was
7. Give Informant's description of man enquired about—any nickname, marks, scars, etc.	W. was a fine man on the railways		
8. Searcher's opinion of Informant's accuracy and intelligence	quite intelligent		

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L/Cpl R. E. Greenwood
15th Hld Ambulance
A. I. F.

about

2857 Dr. S. V. & Bowd
15 Hld Ambulance
A. I. F.

R Aug 10/18

Written 4.10.18

hrs

Acc. P.C.
D. 10/15
22.10.15

2857
S. V. D. Bowd
15 Rd Amb
Kin A. 10.8.18
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France
26/10/18

The Secretary
Enquiry Bureau

Dear Madam.

Your letter of enquiry concerning Dr Bowd to hand, and I am pleased to be able to supply the required information.

No 2857 Dr Stanley Victor Dalkeith Bowd
15th Field Ambulance. C.F.F. was killed on
Aug. 10/18 by a high explosive shell in the
village of Warfusée on the main Amiens-
St Quentin road five kilometres east of
Villers Bretonneux. As we were coming out
of the line two days later we brought his body
back to a little village or hamlet called
Blangy le Petit five kilometres west of
Villers Bretonneux on the above mentioned
road where we buried him with another Dr
and a captain who had been killed at the
same spot.

The cemetery is known as the "Central Cemetery"
right on the roadside going from Amiens to
St Quentin.

A wooden cross was erected to his memory and I understand that his grave is tended by a French family living in the neighbourhood, with whom he had made friends.

Re his personal appearance, he was a little above medium height and rather broad and athletic of build with fair complexion and rather sharp features.

If you wish for any further details I shall be happy to supply them.

I am

Yours faithfully

R. E. Greenwood

15th Field Ambulance

A. F. F.

Abroad.

W. W. B.