

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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4444 Private
Theodore Bertram
Armfield

9th Battalion



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FRANCE.

A.I.R. 9.

Arnfield T.B. 4414.

L. July 23. /16.

I saw him shot through the head by a bullet as we were advancing the first time over at Pozieres. He was killed instantaneously and just lay down. He was buried later in "No man's land". He was a pal of mine.

Reference: Baul. 4450.C.Co.

No 26.Gen.Hosp. Staples.

25th.Aug. 1916.

REA.

9th Battn.

A.I.F.

Amfield,
Theodore Bertram, 444

Missing,

Missing 23.7.16

Cert. by Head Quarters 8;8;16
Killed in action.

Cert by, Head Quarters Cable 21.8.16

London 28.8.16

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France.

A.I.F. 9.

Armfield T.B. 4444.

H. 23.7.16.

He was my 'clobber'. His number was 4 fours.

He was killed in the advance at Pozieres. I saw him on the ground, dead.

JJZ.

Reference: Lieut. Hammond. 2689. A. (A careful witness)
26 Gen.

Staples. 20th. Aug. 1916.

9th A. I. P.

Armfield, T. B. 1441.
A. Coy.

(E. July 23/16. Det: D. S.)

Informant states that "On 23rd July on a Sunday night at Portieres Armfield was killed instantaneously by a bullet through the head. He was buried early on Monday morning in No. 1's trench. Sgt. Corcoran, of the same Battalion, a friend of his, about the same No. formed one of the burial party. Corcoran's No. not quite known. No. 4 thousand odd. Address A.R.F. France.

Description:-- Came from N. S. W. Fairly tall, stout and well-built.

Eye-witness:-- Saw him killed, Corcoran buried him.

Informant:-- A/Plt A. Snodgrass, 1754,
15th Aust. Inf. Bn.

Beach House Military Hospital,
16, The Avenue, Brondesbury, N.W.6.

March 25th
G. Davidson.

Home address:-- Casino,
Richmond River, N.S.W.

*Written by Davidson
11-6-17*

A.I.F.
9th. Bn.

ARMFIELD.
T.B. 4442

Killed in action 23.7.16.

Referring to T.B. Armfield's death. There is no mistaking his identity as I knew him well, having enlisted together and came away from Australia together I was talking to him on July 22nd. 1916 and that was the last I saw of him alive. He was killed. I did not see him fall but I see him just after daybreak on the Sunday morning 23rd. July 1916 laying dead on the top of the trenches we had taken. He was shot ~~through~~ just below the left eye. I did not notice any other wounds on him so death must have been instantaneous. He was buried behind our front line of trenches in the field it being impossible to remove them to a cemetery.

Cert by letter from Bert Cororan,
B. E. F.,
19.4.17.

London.
5.5.17.

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F.M. 27.4.17

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B.B. ARMFIELD
9 Batts
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20th April 1917.

Pte. Bert Corcoran,
5th Australian Inf. Bn.
D.M.S.

Dear Pte. Corcoran,

Very many thanks for your letter of April
9th. in answer to our enquiry for:-

No. 4441 T. D. Fairfield. 5th Bn. A.I.F.

The information you have sent will be of great assistance
and we know that the relatives will be comforted to learn
through your evidence that death was instantaneous.

With best wishes.

Yours faithfully

V.D.

Secretary.

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