

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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4697 Private
William Henry Crowe

17th Battalion



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17th Battn.
A.I.F.

CRCWE.
W.H. 4697.

"Died 19-4-18".?

Died of Wounds 19-4-18 at 55th C.C.S.
Cert: by A.I.F.Hqrs 31-6-18.

London.
31-5-18.

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17th Battn.
A.I.F.

CROWE
W.H. 4697

"Died of Wounds 19-4-18"

Saves?

At Bourves, near Amiens, he was wounded by bomb from a plane on the 18th, and was very badly wounded. I saw him, he was taken to a C.C.S. He was with a party, sent away to get something and when they did not come back we went and searched for them.

Informant. West. Sgt.
Ward 25,
HAREFIELD.

D.P. Dickson
London
20-6-18

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22nd June 1918.

Havke.
A.I.F. 17.

Grove W.H. 4897.

D/W 19th April 1918. Det D/B.

I knew him as we were in the same section, he was over 30 and came from Newtown or Emmore, Sydney. On the 19th April we were at Beuzes to the 6 or 7 kilometres to the right of Villers Bretonneux and had just come out of the trench in reserve. It was raining and Grove went to get some straw to make a bed when a bomb was dropped by an aeroplane and he was hit in several places. He was taken to the D/station and bandaged up but we heard a few days later that he died at the C.C.S. I saw him hit but I know nothing about his burial.

Inf:- Pto J.H. Taylor No. 2211.
A.I.F. 17. B. VII.
H.S. 'Gloucester Castle'.

CWSG.

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17th A.I.F.

Crowe. W.H. 4697.

(D/W. April 19/18.)

"Crowe was wounded by a bomb near a forest near Brettoneux about midnight on the 18th April 1918. He lingered and died the next day. I don't know where he was buried but as he was carried away by stretcher bearers I presume he was buried."

Eyewitness: Yes.

Description: Crowe was a short stout man about 39 years old.

Informant: Pte. R.White. 6889.
17th A.I.F. B Coy.
Race Course Hospital
Cheltenham.

Home address:
Euralla,
Belmore Rd,
23.6.18. Coogee, Sydney.
N.C.Davidson.

J.P.H.

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28th June 1918.

A.I.F. 17.

Crewe W.A. No. 4697.

D/S 19th April 1918. Det D/B.

He came from Sydney and was in B.Co. VII Fltn. He was one of the four who went with Sokrall to get steam at Louves, when a German aeroplane dropped four bombs, and he was badly wounded. He was taken to the D/Station and I believe he died there.

Inf:- Pte A. Lorrimer No. 2165.
No. 1. Gen. Hosp. (Etretat).

W.H.B.

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17th Battn.
A.I.F.

CROWE
W.H. 4697

"Died of Wounds 19-4-18"

I came over in same Rfts. as Bill Crowe, from Sydney (Show Grounds) 12th/17 by "Ceremie" on about 11-4-16. He was wounded by an aeroplane bomb when he and others had gone to get straw for billets. Four of them were killed, but I can't recollect the names of others, nor the name of the place. I was there at the time, but did not actually see it. He died, I believe at a dressing station.

Informant. Williams. B. 5435
17th Battn. B.Coy.,
WESTHAM.

W.A.Rand
London
28-6-18
J.E.A.

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17th Battn:

Crowe, W.H. 4897.

D/W. 19/4/18.

I saw Crowe wounded by the same bomb that killed W.J. Ackrall, 6050, while we were getting straw for the dugout. I do not know where he is buried.

17th Battn:

White, R.Pte. 6889.

15 A. Dartford. 9/7/18.

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A.I.P. 17.

18th July 1918.

Grewe W.H. No. 4597.

D/W 19th April 1918. Det D/E.

I knew him well. He came from somewhere near Sydney. He was a well built, tall, man, about 5'10" dark, and played games, especially Rugby football. On the 18th April we were at Hangard Wood in reserve. In the night we had just moved out for a rest when an aeroplane dropped a bomb killing and wounding several. Grewe was wounded, was taken to the C.C.S., and died there later. He was buried in the cemetery at the C.C.S.

Inf:- Cpl W. Linsley No. 4400.
A.I.P. 17. B. V.
Austra. Conv. Depot.
Rouillon.

OWSG.

Sd
Giff

FP.

17th Battalion

CROWE W.B. Private No. 4427

"Died of wounds 19.4.18"

We had just been relieved at Villers Bretonneux. We had gone into billets in the fields. Crowe and three others went across to a haystack to get some straw for our beds. A German aeroplane came over and dropped a bomb near them. Two were killed outright and Crowe was severely wounded. He died afterwards in the Dressing station. He is buried in the Soldiers cemetery and a cross put over his grave. He was very well liked and was the cheeriest man in his Company.

INFORMANT :-

G. H. Beale, No. 1660
7th Platoon, B. Company

Home address :-

c/o Mrs. Coulson,
North Parade,
AUBURN.

J.V.H.

No. 4 Australian General Hospital,
RANDWICK.

20.11.18

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SYDNEY BUREAU

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| CASUALTY CLEANSING STATION | |
| No. | |
| Date | 19/4/18 |

Bras Headstone
Reference to attached please -

Admitted to hospital 19/4/18
Wound of the Right Arm & E. Hemorrhoids
Left Groin and Left Leg

Died 19/4/18

Remains 20/4/18 to N. 2. 18. 18. 18.
Buried in the grave locality of the
General Graves Registration
London House
St. James's Square

He was buried in the grave
of the General Graves
Registration

Left to the grave

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A.R.C.S.
London

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— ENQUIRY BUREAU —

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36, GROSVENOR PLACE.

LONDON, S.W. 1.

May June 1918

The O.C.

*55th Casualty Clearing Station.
B. I. I.*

4697 W. H. Crowe 17th Bn A.I. 7

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 19-4-18. and would greatly appreciate any information that you may send us.

As we have been informed by various C.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,

Chapman
(Miss)

Vera Beakie

Secretary.

(H.W.)